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Now it is good to know that His Holiness, although without being able to enter into the merits of the case, cannot decline his interest when it is requested for saving human lives for the superior motive of charity proper to his Apostolic ministry; and as he has done out of pity in similar cases, so in this one he did not fail to intervene in so far as it was permitted to him by the lack of any official relation with the competent government authority."

2300 PROTESTANT CLERGYMEN OF 26 DENOMINATIONS

DR. BERNARD M. LOOMER, Dean of the University of Chicago Divinity School, spokesman, stated:

"I urge you to reconsider your refusal to commute the death sentence of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. Together with nearly 2300 other clergymen, I signed a Jetter asking for executive elemency.... Our unaffiliated group represents an important segment of the Christian elergy of this country.... All of us, as pastors, are in intimate touch with our people; it is fair to conclude that our opposition to the death sentence is shared by a much larger number of conservative and thoughtful citizens."

A CABLE FROM TWENTY ISRAELI RABBIS:

Whatever the particulars, we appeal to you, Mr. President, in the name of God and the quality of mercy, to save the lives of the couple who are parents of two little children. Even if we assume that they had sinned against the laws of the United States, they shall no longer be able to do so if kept under surveillance, but some day they would be able to prove their innocence. In such case your conscience and the conscience of the United States would be clean; no innocent life shall have been taken guiltlessly.... We honestly believe that an act of clemency in this case is exceedingly vital....

Write and Wire the President and the Attorney General

CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS NOW!

GRANT THE ROSENBERGS A NEW TRIAL!



lewed by: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, 1050 Sixth Ave., New York 18. BRyant 9-9694



If you agree that, as long as doubt of the Rosenbergs' guilt remains, their lives should be spared, we urge you to write and wire the President and the Attorney General now!

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"... As one who has lived richly in America, who loves America and respects America, I plead with You, Mr. President, to stay the executioner and let the Rosenbergs live."

From a letter to the White House MRS. MARY CHURCH TERRELL We present below the statements of a few representative Negro leaders who have spoken out in the effort to defend American justice by saving the Rosenbergs' lives.

JUDGE HUBERT T. DELANY, noted jurist. From address to National Lawyers Guild Convention, Feb. 21, 1953:

"An amendment of the Constitution forbids cruel and unusual punishment, and the punishment of electrocution in this case is cruel and unusual. It is completely unprecedented in such cases."

THE AFRO-AMERICAN, From an editorial entitled "Four Good Reasons," January 31, 1953:

"Justice will be served if the death sentences given Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted of atomic espionage, are commuted to life sentences.

"The feeling is inescapable that the severe sentences would not have been passed had not this couple been members of a minority group. . . . There are also grave doubts in this case. One is that the government based its case almost exclusively on the uncorroborated testimony of a free-lance spy, who by involving the Rosenbergs managed to escape the death penalty and secure for himself a 15-year sentence. . . ."

MRS. MARY CHURCH TERRELL, Educator. From a letter to the White House:

"I do not know whether they are guilty or not. I am not an expert on atomic science, but I do know that many persons whose knowledge and devotion to this country I respect deeply do believe there is some doubt about their guilt. Many more devoted Americans think that even if they are guilty, death in the electric chair is a punishment too severe. . . . As one who has lived richly in America, who loves America and respects America, I plead with you, Mr. President, to stay the executioner and let the Rosenbergs live."

W. C. HUESTON, Grand Secretary, Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World. From a letter to President Elsenhower:

"I am not going into the guilt or innocence of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, but I am joining in with the petition to commute the sentence to life imprisonment, or a lesser term."

DR. W.E.B. DU BOIS, Historian, Educator, Former Minister to Liberia:

"These are difficult times for all Americans, for all the world; but no plea of inconvenience nor suspicion of bias or indifference must let us smear our souls with the blood of the innocent or vindictively punish a crime such as this with the unprecedented sentence of death."

THE BOSTON CHRONICLE. From an editorial entitled "Clemency for the Rosenbergs," November 29, 1982:

"... So full is the atmosphere today of 'guilt by association' because of hostility to the Soviet Union that the mere accusation of complicity with espionage agents of that government is tantamount to conviction by most American juries.

"Already the Rosenberg case has quite unjustly given aid and comfort to rabid anti-Semites to the same degree and in the same measure as any case in which a Negro is convicted of some horrendous crime feeds anti-Negro sentiments. The President should extend executive elemency to the Rosenbergs. . . ."

PAUL ROBESON, Artists

"The death sentence against Julius and Ethel Rosenberg is the bitter fruit of the current war hysteria. Axis Sally, Tokyo Rose, Ilse Koch—who made lurid careers out of the barbarous killings of innocent victims in World War II—go free. Krupp, the maker of munitions which killed U. S. soldiers, retires from jail to the comfortable quarters of his West German villa. But in the United States a young couple is doomed to the electric chair on the basis of flimsy evidence. . . , It is the clear duty of the President to intervene in this case for the preservation not only of the lives of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, but of the constitutional liberties of the whole people."

HAROLD E. WARD, union leader in Local 108, F.E., United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Chicago:

"I know what hours of torture this family must have endured in this past year, for, last December, I faced the electric chair myself. Had I been put to death, my children would be fatherless, my wife a widow.

"I was charged with murdering a scab during a strike at the Chicago li ternational Harvester plant. I was innocent, but that made no difference to the newspapers, the radio, and television experts. . . I was fortunate in having my union behind me. They knew I was innocent and rallied to my defense, raising sufficient funds to guarantee the best possible legal defense and to make public the true facts of my case.

"I was found 'Not Guilty'. A Note that the state of the s

"It did not happen this way with the Rosenbergs. They had no one to back them up. There was no challenge to what the newspapers and radio said. The jury got a one-sided picture. One of the witnesses against the Rosenbergs was proven to be a liar recently—in a sworn affidavit by the F.B.I. How would the jury have voted if they knew then that this witness had lied? The Rosenbergs will never have a chance of proving their innocence unless they remain alive."



Few issues have so stirred the world as has the case of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

Sentenced to die in the electric chair on the charge of "conspiracy to commit espionage," the Rosenbergs have never ceased maintaining their innocence. "We are the victims of a cold-war political frame-up," they insist. Their imprisoned co-defendant Morton Sobell has similarly never ceased asserting his innocence.

Millions of people, throughout the United States and abroad, have expressed grave doubts of the verdict and the sentence against the Rosenbergs and have urged the President to spare their lives.

Among other world figures who have sent messages to Pres. Eisenhower requesting that he grant clemency are His Holiness Pope Pius XII, 2400 U.S. Protestant ministers, and many leading Rabbis.

On February 17, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals confirmed the doubts of many people by granting the Rosenbergs a stay of execution to allow their case to be appealed once more to the Supreme Court.

In granting the stay of execution, Appeals Court Justice Jerome N. Frank said:

"There are substantial questions of law. I would certainly not want to preclude their appeal to the Supreme Court, I would not want that to be on my conscience."

THE BAPTIST MINISTERS CONFERENCE of Washington, D. C. and Vicinity, In a message to the White House:

"The Baptist Ministers Conference of Washington, D. C. and Vicinity most humbly petition you to temper justice with mercy in the case of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. Since no one has ever paid with his life for the crime of which they stand guilty, it is our prayer that these two be spared the supreme penalty."

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress. From an article entitled "The Rosenberg Case and the Negro People" in the January Issue of "Freedom":

"Substitute the word 'spy' for the word 'rapist'—or 'murderer,' as in the case of the innocent Rosa Lee Ingram of Georgia—and the Rosenbergs might well be black. . . . The cry 'Free the Rosenbergs!' should ring out through an America seeking freedom. The fortunes of Negro America are in the balance with those of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The Rosenbergs must not die!"

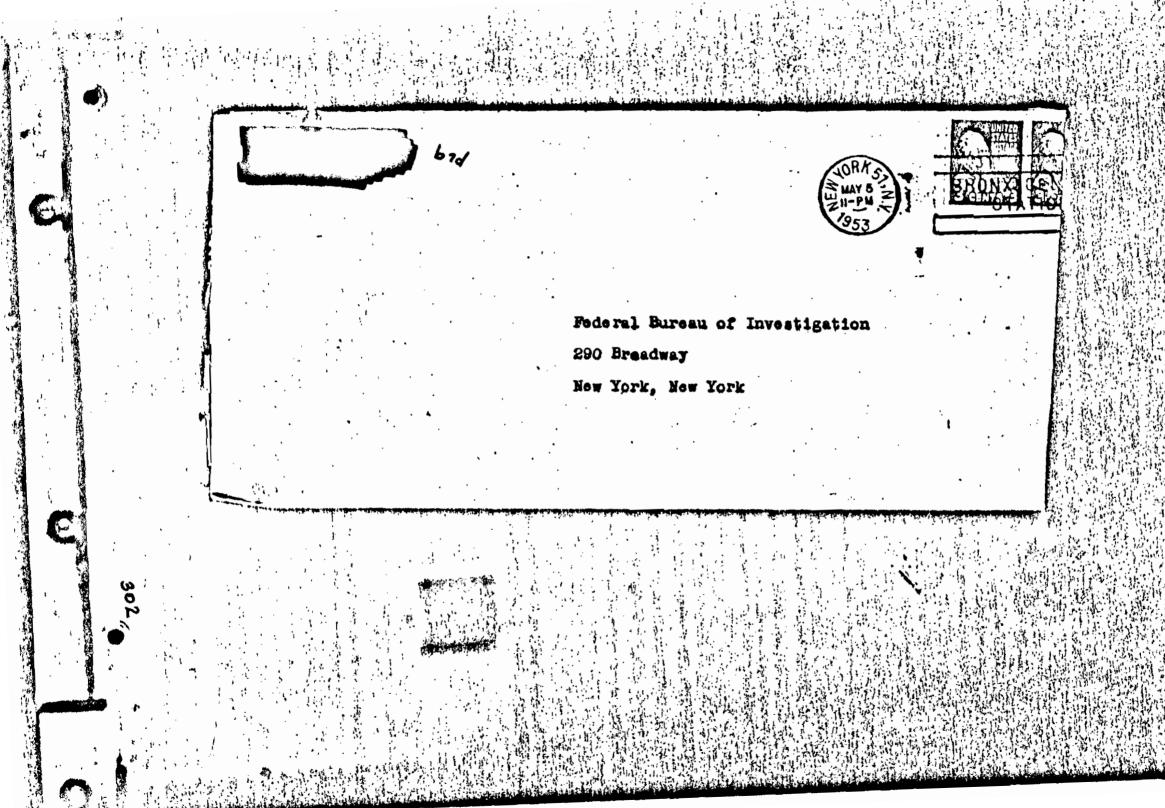
LEON BEVERLY, President, Local 347, United Packinghouse Workers of America, CIO:

"I feel that in view of the grave doubts existing in the Rosenberg case, and in the midst of the war hysteria and the increased attacks being made on minority groups, particularly Negroes, that the death sentence is too severe.

"The Negro people, therefore, have an especial interest in the Rosenberg case and I urge that they join in asking clemency for the Rosenbergs."

EARL B. DICKERSON, lawyer
REV. JOSEPH EVANS, Community Church
SIDNEY JONES, lawyer
MRS. IDELLUMBLES, educator
REV. HARRY WALDEN, Grant Memorial A.M.E. Church
Excerpts from "Chicago Open Letter" to the White House:

"Mr. President, Americans are a merciful people. It is justice tempered with the utmost regard for life which has always distinguished our American courts of law. Do not let this harsh and unprecedented sentence stand. We appeal to you, as President of the United States, to exercise your power and act at once to grant elemency to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg."







REVEREND JAMES A. POLITE

951 STEBBINS AVENUE

BRONX 59, N. Y.





Dear Sir:

We are writing you at this time to enlist your aid in an act of mercy which we are quite confident, in true keeping with the spirit of our profession, will gain your sympathetic understanding and support. The matter we have reference to is the impending execution of Mr. & Mrs. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

First, let us state that we do not question the guilt or innocence of the accused, (altho it may be seen from the material enclosed that many prominent people have expressed themselves as having grave doubts on this score). It is purely, as we see it, a question of the <u>brutally severe</u> and <u>unprecedentedly harsh</u> character of the sentence of death imposed on these two individuals.

Why do we feel this is so? Well, this is the first time in the history of this country that any individual has received a death sentence for the crime of conspiracy to commit espionage. The Rosenbergs are and were not charged with treason on behalf of an enemy in wartime - as false and misleading newspaper reports have indicated - but rather are accused of committing conspiracy with an ally in wartime; this being a third lesser crime than treason - the second highest crime being espionage.

For similar crimes, Dr. Klaus Fuchs received a 14-year sentence and Dr. Allan Munn May received a 10-year sentence for the higher crime of self-confessed espionage, Dr. May having been recently released after serving less than seven years; and Tokyo Rose received a ten-year sentence while Axis Sally was sentenced to 4 years and 5 months for treason in time of war.

It is only fair to ask therefore, why this extreme sentence, unprecedented in American history? If we search the facts and our consciences for the truth, we can only come to the conclusion that the judge fell victim to the hysteria generated around the courtroom.

We feel that if this sentence is carried out, not only will two people suffer a grave injustice, but even more important, we feel that our beloved land will suffer a moral blow in the eyes of the world.

At the present time this case is in process of being appealed to the Supreme Court and a short temporary stay of execution has been granted. We therefore urge you to do the following:

- 1. Sign the enclosed appeal to the President of the United States and return the same to the address indicated below. When we have received a fair number of these signed appeals from the ministers and rabbis of all faiths and denominations, which we confidently trust will run into the many hundreds, we will mail them all together to the President together with our prayers.
- 2. We humbly suggest that you bring this matter before your congregation, wherever possible, so that under your spiritual leadership, they may write the President entreating him for mercy.

Respectfully yours,

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P.S. Please mail replies to Rev. James A. Polite, 951 Stebbins Ave., Bronx 59, N. Y.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you at this time on a matter of serious moment. The case I have reference to is the matter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

Without reference to the guilt or innocence of these people I would like to add my plea to those of many prominent people both in this country and throughout the world who have appealed to you for clemency in behalf of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

My reasons for doing this are that the unusually severe sentence is unprecedented in American history, and is in fact a very barsh and brutal sentence for the third lesser crime than treason for which they were convicted. If clemency is not granted, then I feel that not only will these human beings be the recipients of a grave injustice, but also this country will suffer a serious moral blow in the eyes of the world.

I therefore ask you Mr. President to seriously reconsider this matter and to grant clemency to Julius and Ethel Rosenberg by commuting their sentence.

Respectfully yours.

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"They were convicted by the atmosphere and not by the evidence."—Justice Felix Frankfurter, in the Case of Sacco and Vanzetti. (1927) The whole world now knows that Sacco and Vanzetti were innocent of the . murder charge for which they were executed. But they are dead - victims of hysteria after World War 1.

Dear Colleague:

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We ask you to join with us in an act of simple humanity to help save the lives of two people - parents of two small children; to help commute a death sentence which, if carried out, would shame our country before the whole world.

As you may know, Bihel and Julius Rosenberg were indicted in 1950, charged with giving atomic information to Russia in 1944, when she was our wartime ally. In April, 1951, they were sentenced to the electric chair. The Supreme Court having turned down their request for a review, they are scheduled to be put to death in January.

In common with countless thousands of people -- people of all faiths, all political beliefs - we believe this sentence to be both excessive and cruel, particularly in light of these facts:

Dr. Klaus Fuchs, scientist, most important A-bomb spy David Greenglass, confessed spy Ruth Greenglass, confessed accomplice Tokyo Rose and Axis Sally, wartime traitors Nazi spies, landed on coast from submarine 4 Nazis in Mulzahn case (gave vital aircraft information

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Regardless of the guilt or innocence of the Rosenbergs, we cannot believe that their death would make our country safer or stronger; that it would make anybody feel more proud or free. Many thoughtful people see in this sentence not the justice of mercy, but appeasement of the most unreasoning and extreme hysteria. If hysteria is fed with victims - and permitted to grow without protest - neither you nor we nor any other honest citizen is safe.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans — among them some of the most distinguished men and women in our country — are writing to President Truman asking for clemency for the Rosenbergs, as you can see from the partial list enclosed. If we want to live and rear our children without fear, if we want to practice our professions with dignity and honor, we must fight hysteria with sanity -with reason - and with mercy.

Vill you take a few minutes out of your busy life to write a simple request to President Barry S. Truman - to commute the death sentence of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg? We believe that in years to come you will be very proud that you did.

> Asa B. Friedman, M.D. Monroe Schneider, M.D.

David R. Telson, M.D.

Irving Vachnes, M.D.

Paul Selden, D.D.S.
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If you require any additional information, call or write any of the above individuals in Brooklyn, or the Rosenberg Committee, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18. (BRyant 9-9694)

PROVISIONAL BROWNSVILLE AND EAST NEW YORK COMMITTEE FOR CLEMENCY FOR
ETHEL AND JULIUS ROSENBERG

AN APPEAL FOR CLENENCY

Nov. 18, 1952

We, the undersigned businessmen, professional, and trade unionists of Brownsville and East New York, are addressing this statement to all people with a heart and conscience; to all people who are distressed over the immediate danger of execution facing Ethel and Julius Rosenberg!

The refusal of the Supreme Court to review the Roenberg appeal dooms them to death unless presidential clemency is granted. This will be the first time in the history of our country that anyone convicted of espionage during peacetime has been given the death penalty. We know that Tokyo Rose and Axis Sally — not peacetime but wartime spies — were given prison terms. It is particularly painful to us to have a young Jewish couple with two small children singled out to be the first to receive this penalty. The entire Yiddish press is unanimous in its denunciation of the death penalty. As the Jewish Daily Forward says of this sentence: "When we editors got the news that Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death, a shudder passed through all of us ... We are certain that every Jew who read this sad news felt this way. From our hearts came the words, 'Death sentence, too horrible'... Every Jewish home will be shattered by this tragedy."

Our committee recognizes the urgency of the situation and the need for immediate action if they are to be saved. Only your personal letter or telegram to the President and as many more as you can get from your friends and relatives will save these young Jewish parents.

DO NOT LET THE ROSENBERGS DIE!

SEND A LETTER OR TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN FOR CLEMENCY!

Brownsville and B.N.Y. Committee For Clemency for Bibel and Julius Rosenberg

Norman Rosenberg, D. D. S. Provisional Chairman

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Please communicate with the Rosenberg Committee for further information at 152 Amboy St. Brooklyn, c/o Dr. Norman Rosenberg 100-107111- 1830

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Dear Friend:

The fate of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg is now in the hands of President Harry S. Truman. Their execution may take place during the Chanukah and Christmas season, unless he spares their lives.

Hundreds of thousands of people in the United States are writing to President Truman asking him to grant executive clemency to these two young parents. We ask you to add your voice.

We believe that the enclosed material will show that our country's history of merciful justice will be served by a Presidential commutation of sentence.

In order to bring the appeal for clemency to millions of our fellow-Americans we need fifty thousand dollars for newspaper ads, radio and television programs, and to send out letters like this one. The enclosed envelope is for your contribution. Your check may be made payable to <u>Joseph Brainin</u>, <u>Chairman</u>, or to the <u>National Rosenberg</u> <u>Committee</u>. We hope you will want to help.

We pray that you will write to the President on behalf of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and their two young sons.

Sincerely,

DAVID ALMAN, Executive Secretary

Depr Keighbor,

We are inviting you to a maeting to be held on Thursday Depember 11th, at 8:30 PM at 34-11 Crescent Street to discuss an appeal for elemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

Today, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, young perents of two small sons, sit in the death house at Sing Sing prison, facing execution the week of Jenuary 12th.

They were convicted of conspiracy to give information during World War II to our ally, the Soviet Union. They asserted their innocence then—and they assert their innocence today.

Rundreds of thousands of our countrymen, among them eminent lawyers and judges, are appalled at the harshness of the penalty. Never before in our country's history-peace or warnings a civilian court sentenced sayone to death on such a charge. Axis Sally and Tokyo Rose, convicted of the far more serious orims of treason, received only short prison sentences.

In the period of tension through which we are living today, we must maintain more strongly than ever our imerican concepts of equal justice and humanity for everybody.

world its capacity for mercy and humaneness, that time is now.

Sincerely,

The storie Committee to Secure Clemency for the Rosenbergs

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SCIENTISTS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN U.S. AND ABROAD JOIN
ROSENBERG CLEMENCY APPEAL

"Mr. President, I strongly urge you to exercise executive clemency in the Rosenberg Case," states Prof. Amatol Rapoport, internationally famous biologist of the University of Chicago, in an appeal to President Truman, it was disclosed today by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

Similar statements were is sued by Dr. Paul L. Whitely, of Franklin and Marshall College, Dudley Collard, an outstanding British attorney, and Dr. Roland H. Bainton, of the Yale Divinity School.

The following are excerpts of their statements.

Dr. Anatol Rapoport, University of Chicago:

olemency in the Rosenberg Case. No one except the vengefulminded and the petty-minded will blame you for this. To the
vast majority, to those who have faith in the greatness of our
heritage, your act will be an indication of your stature as a
man and a leader.

Dr. Roland H. Bainton, Yale Divinity Schools

upon Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, and I am glad to have the opportunity of saying a word which might have some influence in altering the senteme. ... In this impace, wholly apart from general considerations, I feel that the senteme is too severe because it is not commensurate with that meted out to others guilty of the same offerme. I can see me other explanation than a wave of public hysteria following the exposure of several cases in succession. We should by no means allow ourselves to determine life and death in terms of emotions engendered by a succession of disillusionments.

Dudley Collard, Esq., London, Englands

"Even if the guilt of ... Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were satisfactorily established, and I am far from being convinced that this is the case, I should be profoundly shocked at the passing upon them in time of peace of a sentence of death, which in my opinion is unworthy of any country with a claim to call itself civilized. My epinion is shared by all my professional colleagues at the Bar of England to whom I have spoken of the matter, irrespective of their political opinions."

Dr. Paul L. Whiteley, Franklin and Marshall College:

Personally, I am opposed to capital punishment for any reason.

But regardless of personal belief about principle, I should say

from what I know of this case, that the death penalty for Julius

and Ethel Rosenberg would be a gross misearriage of justice.

And certainly so long as there is a shadow of doubt about their

guilt, they should not have to pay the supreme penalty.

Committee To Secure Justice In The Rosenberg Case

For Immediate Release August 12, 1952

Joseph Brainin, Chairman

David Alman, **Executive Secretary** MIDWEST CONFERENCE ON ROSEN HERG CASE AUGUST 16 - 17 ATTRACTS RELIGIOUS, LABOR, AND CIVIC FIGURES. NEISON ALGREN TO CHAIR MEETING.

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Rabbi Abraham Cronbach, Prof. Emeritus of Hebrew Union College, Rev. W. N. Reid, Wayman A.M.E. Church, Rabbi S. Burr Yampol, Chicago, Octavia Hawkins, C.I.O. Auto Workers leader, and other la bor, civic, and religious leaders will participate in a Midwest Conference on the Ros enberg Case to be held in Chicago, Illinois, on August 16 and 17, at Curtis Hall, 410 S. Michigan Ave.

Welson Algren, prize winning novelist (Man With the Golden Arm and: other novels) will chair the first session of the Conference on Sa turday evening, August 16, which will be open to the public, and which will fee ture a discussion of the facts in the case, a dramatic presentation of the dea th-house letters of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, and an a ddress by Mr. Joseph Brainin, Chairman of the Na tional Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

The Call to the Conference states, "Many scores of thousands of Americans have signed the petition for a new trial. Feelings of great concern are being expressed by the memberships of civil liberties and Jewish organiz ations. A Negro ministerial association has just condemned the death sentence. Newspapers the world over have begun to headline the case.

*This ferment has broken across religious, political and social lines. Orthodox Jows and devout Catholics, progressives and conservatives, retired army generals and farmfolk are all to be found among those who believe that Ethol and Julius! incarceration in the death house is a stain upon our country's honor and traditions.

The time has come to assemble those sentiments in the most effective possible ways, to exchange experiences and idoas in the dissemination. of information on the case, and to fashion a new concerted pace for the the campaign for a new trial. The series of the campaign for a new trial. The series of the campaign for a new trial.

of Illiands, on August 13 ent , The following is the program of the Conference:

1. 14. 9:50 A.K. Registration ... 1. 2:50 P.M. The Campaign for a 10:00 A.M. Opening Session

The Rosenberg Case--13-14 - 11 - 1 The facts
Discussion
Discussion
The delegates speak 4:00 P.M. What is to be Done?

Report on progress of campaign on Rosenberg to step-up campaign Case to datetin Midwest for a new trial

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1,50 P.M. Lunch 6:00 P.M. Adjournment Para to a par to the feature of the property of the paragraph of the parag

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SUPREME COURT TO RECEIVE

APPEAL OF 50,000 AMERICANS.

FOR JUSTICE IN PENDING

ROSENBERG DECISION.

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NEW YORK, N.Y. The names of 50,000 Americans of every race and creed, including outstanding leaders in every field, are signed to an amicus curiae brief presented today to the Supreme Court in Washington, D. C. urging a new trial be given Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, young parents facing death after a trial which left grave doubts about their guilt.

Presented to the Supreme Court by Joseph Braining chairman of the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and Reverend Amos Murphy of Boston, the signatories to the brief are headed by: Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, world-famed Negro historian and author; Rabbi Abraham Cronbach, leading Jewish scholar and teacher; Nelson Algren, prise-wiining novelist; Brig. Gen. Henry Clay Newcomer (Ret.).

Also: Rabbi Dr. Meyer Sharff, orthodox Jewish leader;
Olin Downes, music critic of the New York <u>Times</u>; Reverend
Amos Murphy, Boaton, Massachusetts; Mrs. Mary Church Terrell,
ploneer fighter for Negro and women's rights; Reverend
Marry F. Ward, Professor Emeritus of Christian Theology at the
Union Theological Seminary and former chairman of the
American Civil Liberties Union. (Organizations listed for
identification only).

Appealing the unprecedented death sentence are people from virtually every state of the union. One-third of the signatures come from outlying and rural communities, four-fifths collected outside of New York. Two thousand people rang doorbells and spoke to prospective signers for six months to amass the signatures. Scores of thousands of

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those who did not sign, explaining that they feared economic reprisals, distributed material on the case, and in other ways aided in bringing the truth to the public.

In recent weeks those collecting signatures reported that literally tens of thousands had sent personal letters, telegrams and postcards to President Truman, urging clemency.

In addition to scores of doctors, lawyers, businessmen, professionals and trade unionists, the signers included these outstanding cultural, religious and civic loaders:

Rabbi Abraham Horvitz, New York; A. L. Pemurantz, former Nuremburg trials prosecutor; Reverend R. L. Tinner, San Francisco; Hugo Gellert, Anthony Toney and Robert Gwathmey, internationally-famed artists; Dashiell Hammett, best-selling mystery writer; Rabbi Moskay P. Mann, Arkansas.

Also: Reverand Mother Lone Stokes, New York; Albort
Malts and Alvah Bossic, leading novelists and screen writers;
Reverend Willard Uphaus, Commecticut; Professor John J.
De Boer, Chicago; Barbara Giles and Ben Field, novelists;
Reverend Clarence D. Herriott, California; Rabbi T. A.
Greenberg, Los Angèles.

Also: Dorothy Day, editor of the Catholic Worker; Dra Gene Weltfish, Columbia University anthropologist; Reverend Charles W. Campbell, Albany, New York; Reverend H. H. Hester, Minnesota; John Gojack, United Electrical Workers Union leader; Yuri Suhl, leading Jewish poet and novolist; Lucy Brown, outstanding econort plants to.

Also: Anthi Jacob Hoffman, New York; Mrs. Charlette

Mass, vice-presidential candidate of the Progressive Party;

Reverend I. C. Collins, Nowark, New Jersey; Howard Fast,

world-famous nevelist and recent recipient of a Jewish

historical society award; Dr. Joseph B. Furst, leading

psychiatric worker; John Howard Lawson, screen writer and

historian; Reverend R. D. Rudd, New York; Judge Norval K. Harris,

Indiana; and Clemens J. France, former state official of Rhode

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PABLO PICASSO JOINS FIGHT TO SAVE ROSENBERGS RABBI MEYER SHARFF TO SPEAK OCT. 22 BROOKLYN

Pablo Picasso of Paris, one of the world's outstanding artists, today joined a growing list of world figures who have spoken up for a new trial or for clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, it was announced toady by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. Mr. Picasso signed a petition for a new trial now being circulated among outstanding European figures.

The Committee also announced that Rabbi Dr. Meyer Sharff, a leader of Orthodox Jewry, would make his second Brooklyn appearance on behalf of the Rosenbergs on Wednesday, October 22nd, 8 p.m., at a Save the Rosenbergs meeting at Premier Palace, 525 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Admission 50 cents.

The Committee announced that the October 22nd meeting, the first of a number of New York meetings which will sulminate in a Union Square Rally on October 29th, will mark the opening of a post-card campaign directed to President Truman, urging him to commute the death sentences.

Other speakers at the meeting on October 22nd will be Mrs. Morton Sobell, wife of one of the defendents who received a 50 year sentence, Mrs. Bessie Mitchell, sister of one of the "Trenton Six," Miss Gloria Agrin, noted attorney who was chief counsel in the Dr. W.E.B. DuBois case last year and others.

Premier Palace may be reached by taking the Canarsie line to Sutter Avenue, or the IRT Seventh Avenue-New Lots train to Junius Street, or via Pitkin Avenue bus #14.

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SUPREME COURT REFUSAL TO REVIEW ROSENBERG CASE A TRACIC BUT NOT IRREVOCABLE ERROR! BATS COMMITTEE!

APPEALS FOR CLEMENCY

"The refusal of the Supreme Court to review the Rosenberg Gase is a tragic, but not an irrevocable error," the Estimal Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case said today through its Chairman, Joseph Brainin and Executive Secretary, David Alman.

This tragic mistake can be, and must be, corrected by President Truman through the exercise of Executive Clamerby.

"We believe that the President will be responsive to the plea for elemency already joined in by hundreds of thousands of Americans, providing that the number is multiplied by many times.

We believe that the President will respect the unanimity of the entire Jewish press and the noted religious and civic figures who have become part of the great movement for elemency now stirring the country.

We call upon the scores of Rosenberg Committees throughout the country to appeal to their fellow citizens through ads, radio, television, public meetings, letters and other means.

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*We urge the great trade unions of our country to place themselves behird this elemency appeal as they have done in the past in the Sacoo-Vanzetti, Scottsboro, Martinsville Seven, and other cases.

*We urge the religious leaders of our country, of all faiths and denominations, to pray for the lives of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, to enlist the aid of their congregations in this humans cause, and to communicate their feelings to the President."

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Catholic Pricet joins religious beaders in fight for justice in the Rosenberg Cases

Today, in a statement to the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Father Clarence E. Duffy joined the prominent leaders of the religious world protesting the sentences of Ethel and Julius Rosemberg and Morton Sobell. To the statements of the renown Orthodox Rabbi Dr. Meyer Sharff, "I; an Orthodox Rabbi, am firmly convinced that Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell, charged with espicange are entitled to a hearing in the Supreme Court of the United States:", and that of Reverend T. B. Brown, of the Progressive Baptist Church of Chicago pledging the support of his 8,000 parishioners to the efforts being made for a new trial, has now been added the statement of Father Clarence L. Duffy. Many other eminent beaders including the noted author and Honorary Chairman of the Jewish Peace Fellowship, Rabbi Abraham Cronbach, the Reverend I. C. Collins, and the Reverend Regimald Bass have spoken on behalf of the Rosenbergs and Sobell at large public meetings throughout the country.

Father Duffy says in his statement to the Committees "One of the Commandments given by God to Moses on Mount Sibai is "Thou shalt not kill."...Such is or should be Christian teaching regarding all kinds of killing of human beings, including capital punishment...

For this reason the writer, a Catholic priest, protests the contemplated execution or legalized killing of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg by the Federal Government of the U.S.L. which, in other fields, professes to be inspired by Christian principles and to be acting in defense of a Christian of vilisation and for the promotion of Christian ideals.

The world today badly needs the application of Christian ideals. In the Rosenberg-Sobell Case, the U.S.A. has a unique chance to give leadership to the world by adopting the Christian way, by commuting and revising the sentences imposed on Ethal and Julius Rosenberg and

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Morton Sobell and by doing so in an atmosphere which will not be charged with a vindicativeness, hysteria or intimidation, things that are unworthy of a mature, great and professedly Shristian nation which, trusting in God, as it professes to do, should not fear anything, or have recourse to inducing fear in any of its citizens.

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OCTOBER 29TH UNION SQUARE ROSENBERG MEETING

A "Justice for the Rosenbergs" rally will be held in Union Square on October 29, between the hour of 4:50 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. it was announced today by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

The meeting will be one of many held in New York in the next few weeks to express the shock that New Yorkers, Jews and Christians, Negro's and White's, feel at the unprecedented death sentences meted out to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and the 50 year prison sentence given to Morton Sobelli

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ROSENBERGS SIGNIFY CONFIDENCE IN ULTIMATE VINDICATION.

COMMITTEE CALLS FOR SUPREME EFFORT TO SAVE THEIR LIVES, MEETINGS
SCHEDULED.

Stating that they "Will continue in our determination to expose the political frame-up perpetrated against us", Ethel and Julius Rosenberg today predicted that the American people "will save us - and themselves - from this conspiracy to put to death innocent Americans".

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case called for a supreme effort to save the lives of the Rosenbergs by public and private appeal to President Truman to exercise Executive Clemency, and to instruct his Attorney General to comment to any new motions that may be made in the case.

A series of great public meetings are already underway, beginning with a meeting in Philadelphia on October 14 at Town Hall, Broad and Race St.; Brooklyn on October 22; Manhattan on October 25; Teanesk, New Jersey on October 28; Cleveland on Movember 8; Boston on November 9; Bronz on November 19. Other meetings will be announced shortly.

The Committee terms of the Supreme Court refused to hear the case a "dissappointment to the many scores of thousands of Americans who have petitioned for a new trial in the Rosenberg-Sobell case, and to millions more who are shocked by the un-

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precidented death sentences. We will continue making every effort to win a nw trial for the Rosenbergs and Sobell, and we will make every effort to save their lives against the moment when it becomes impossible to deny the justice of our claim that their trial was devoid of those guarantees of fairmess which should be taken for granted in our courts.

and convicted Masi traitors, who receive 10 year sentences, and another for ordinary people like the Rosenbergs, who have maintained their innocence from the outset, and who receive death sentences. What the Supreme Court has not done, the American people must do. A new trial must be won for the Rosenbergs and Sobell.

TEXT OF ROSENBERG'S STATEMENT ATTACHED:

STATEMENT BY ETHEL AND JULIUS ROSENBERG, FROM THE DEATH HOUSE AT SING SING, NEW YORK OCTOBER 1952

before the bar of public opinion we cannot reassert often or emphatically enough our complete innocence of the charge.

One matter should be made unequivocally clear. No matter what the result, we sill continue in our determination to expose the political frameup perpetrated against us by those who muld elleuse by death, through spurious espionage accusations, opposition to the conspiracy to impose war abroad and a police state at home.

We do not want to die. We are young and yearn for a long life of accomplishment. Yet, if the only alternative to death is the purchase of life at the cost of personal dignity and abandoment of the struggle for democracy and ethical standards, there is no future for us or any legacy we can leave our children or those who survive and follow us.

For what is life without the right to live it? Death holds no horror as great as the horror of a sterile existence devoid of social responsibility and the courage of one's convictions.

We believe that our fellow Americans share these sentiments. We believe that they will save us - and themselves - from this conspiracy to put to death innocent Americans.

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Ethel Rosenberg Julius Rosenberg

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PUBLIC MEETING AND CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY NOTABLES PLEDGES ALL- OUT EFFORT FOR NEW TRIAL IN ROSENHERG CASE. MIDWEST COUNCIL SET UP. CHURCHMAN PLEDGES SUPPORT OF 8000 FOLLOWERS

The Midwest Conference on the Rosenberg Case, held in Chicago August 16 and 17 to which there came representatives from Minneapolis, St. Louis, Dotroit, Milwaukee, Madison, Cincinnati, Cloveland, Peoria and Chicago, pledged itself to an all-out campaign to win a new trial for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell, alleged "atom-bomb" spies believed by Rabbi Abraham Cronbach many to be innocent.

> The delega tes, representing local Rosenberg Committees, trade unions, and other organizations, set up a Midwest Council under the direction of a Midwest director to extend and co-ordinate the bringing of the facts in the case to the churches, synagogues, unions and other organizations in the area.

The first session of the Conference; held on Saturday evening, attended by almost 300 Chicagoans, was henored by the presence of Hone Robert Morss Lovett, former Governor of the Virgin Islands, and William Patterson; National Executive Socretary of the Civil Rights Congress: Others:participating were Rabbi Abraham Cronbach, Chairman of the Jowish Peace Fellowship, Cincinati; Nolson Algren, prize-winning novelist, Ga ry Indiana; Rabbi S. Burr Yampol, prominent Chicago Rabbi; Mrs. Josephine Granat, Executive Secretary of the Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case: Robert Herkin, of the International . Fur and Loather Workers Union of Chicago; Harold Rosen, Chicago business-: man active in civic affairs; Joseph Brainen, syndicated columnist and Chairman of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case; and David Alman, novelist and Executive Secretary of the National

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Committee.

A highlight of the first session was a dramatic reading of the doath house letters of Ethel and Julius Rosenborg.

The Conference, attended by men and women of different faiths, solor, and occupation, voted to set aside a week in the very near future, to be called Rosenberg Week, during which there would be a concerted, week-long common effort to reach millions of Mid-west citizens with the facts on the Rosenberg Case. The Conference also planned a special campaign to secure the release of Ethel Rosenberg from the death house, where she has been in virtual solitary confinement for almost two years, and restored to her children; to secure many scores of thousands of signatures to a popular amicus brief already signed by many thousands.

Among the grootings to the Conforence was that of Reverend

T. E. Brown, of the Progressive Paptist Church of Chicago, pledging the
support of his 8,000 parishioners to the efforts being made for a new

trial. Other grootings came from Judge Norval E. Harris, Indiana; of the
Units. Local 755 of Cleveland; Prof. Ephraim Cross of New York, Mrs. Bessie

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"APPEAL TO PRESIDENT" ON HEHALF OF ROSENHERGS TODAY AT
UNION SQUARE INITIATES "MILLION MESSAGE" CLEMENCY CAMPAIGN
ROSENHERG ATTORNEY IN NEW PLEA TO SUPREME COURT

The "Appeal to the President" meeting to be held today at Union Square from 4:50 to 7:00 peme, asking for elemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, will initiate a "Million Message" campaign for elemency, the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case announced today.

The Union Square meeting will be addressed by Rabbi Dr. Meyer
Sharff, leading Brooklyn Orthodox Rabbi who has declared that
he will not rest until the lives of the Rosenbergs have been
saved, by Reverend Amos Murphy of Boston, and other religious
and civic leaders. A chorus of 40 voices will participate in
the meeting.

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The "Million Message" elemency campaign, which begins today, already has a start of almost 100,000 postcards, telegrams and letters already sent to President Transac. This figure of 100,000 was compiled by the Committee from its local committees in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Oregon, Denver, Miani, Houster, Austin, Dallas, New Orleans, Chicago, Detroit, Minneaport Milwaukee, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Washington, D.S., Baltimore,

and towns throughout the countrys;

Meanwhile, Emanuel Elosh, Rosenberg attorney, and Ensward Meyer, attorney for Morton Soboll, who was sentenced to 30 years, have filed a new plea with the Supreme Court, asking that the verdict and sentences be set aside.

Mr. Bloch's brief pointed out that the Rosenbergs were subjected to a "treason" trial under cover of an "espionage" charge, so that the government might avoid the need for the conclusive kim of proof required under the treason law.

He pointed out that the prosecution raised the "Communist" issue in the trial, although no real proof that the Rosenbergs were communists was offered, even though as recently as a few weeks ago a U. S. Appeals Court affirmed the traditional concept that communist membership cannot be used to impute disloyalty. This was in the recent Kutcher case.

The brief declared that the death sentences were outrageous, and the sentences cast suspicions on the trial itself because they were clearly a case of making the crime fit the punishment. The Judge, the brief pointed out, went beyond the indistment to arrive at the death sentences, by charging that the Rosenbergs intended to "injure" the United States. The indictment itself charges that the Rosenbergs intended to aid the Soviet Union, then an ally. No other government official, except Judge Kaufman, the brief said, ever expressed the fantastic opinion that the Rosenbergs had caused the Korean ware.

"This shooking departure from the American tradition against wengeful punishment," the brief declared, "and the inverse disparity between these sentences and the punishment meted out to others, according to the government, more culpable, marks the magnitude of the abuse of the sentencing judge in the exercise of his discretionary powerse

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BRITISH AND FRENCH LEADERS JOIN APPEAL FOR CLEMENCY
FOR JULIUS AND ETHEL ROSENBERG

In statements received today by the National
Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case,
Professor J. Orcel of the Museum of Natural History
in Paris and G.H. Burchett of London, Editor of World
Unity Publications, express protest against the unprecedented death sentences meted out to Ethel and Julius
Rosenberg.

Excerpts from their statements follows

Professor Orcel and five Museum research workers

consider the death sentence "a crime against the universal

conscience. I protest against a judgement rendered under such

circumstances and against the monstrous sentence which it

sanctions. I did not think such a thing could happen in

the United States, a country where the principles of

dustice and liberty of the greatness of Washington and

Lincoln have defenders. The execution of such a sentence

will blacken the prestige of the United States."

(more)

G.H. Burchett writes:

"I wish on behalf of myself and our organization to express
the horror felt at the barbaric sentence imposed upon the Rosenbergs.

I have followed the trial carefully am it appears to be a repetition
of the Sacco-Vanzetti crime which I followed with equal horror. This
judicial outrage did impalculable damage to the United States judiciary
and the memory will mover be erased. I am not an American but I love
America. I accuse of high treason against America the men who have soiled
her with this judicial crime before the eyes of the world."

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George Sarton, President of the International Historical Science Union, Stanley Moore, an outstanding British attorney, Rev. John Paul Jones, well known civil liberties advocate and pastor of the Union Church of Bay Ridge, and Waldo Frank, a dean of American writers, are among the latest who have spoken up for elementy for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, the National Committee To Secure Justice in the Resemberg Case disclosed today.

Mr. Moore wrote that, "I can assure you that I speak on behalf of a number of lawyers in this Country (Great Britain), in expressing these views, and if these views can be brought before the Court in any way and will assist in the death sentence being commuted, I shall be extremely happy."

Mr. Barton declared, "it is clear to me that the death sentence is as barsh and unjust as it is unprecedented... the sentence of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg should be commuted for the sake of justice, not of charity."

Rev. Jenes stated, in part, that he hoped that "in the event a new trial is not granted in persuading the Court to commute the death sentence to some term of imprisonment."

Mr. Frank said, in part, "the generous way in which we have punished malignant and traiterous advocates of Fascism, like Axis Sally, Tokyo Rose and Esra Pound, makes the death sentence against this unfortunate couple suspect to the entire world."

(The full texts of Rev. Jones' am Mr. Frank's statement is appended.)

The Committee also announced that its Hovember 19 meeting, at the Bronx Terrace Gardens, would feature, among other speakers, B. Z. Goldberg, popular columnist for the Jewish Day, Father Clarence B. Duffy, and others.

Text of Reva Jones' statement:

"I am not an expert in legal matters, and I have not made an exhaustive study of the trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. I know emough about the ease, however, to have serious doubts about some matters of due process, and I am advised by lawyers in whom I have confidence that there is indeed a grave question in this respect. Furthermore, the atmosphere in which the trial was sendanted made a fair trial almost impossible. I believe a recent conviction for fraud in the Internal Revenue Bureau was set aside on the ground that the hostile opinion in the community thwarted a fair trial. Surely the decision in that case ought to give us pause about a trial where human life is at stake in the atmosphere of fear and suspicion prevalent today.

On one thing I have a firm and unshakable opinion. It is that no conviction for alleged espionage where Russia was concerned at a time when Russia was a military ally should carry with it the death sentence. People convicted of trafficking with the enemy both in this country and in other countries have drawn only prison terms. I, therefore, hope you will be successful in the event a new trial is not granted in persuading the Court to commute the death sentence to some term of imprisonment. If a serious miscarriage of justice has taken place there will be opportunity to correct it, at least in part. The Rosenberg case is surely not one to break the precedent of no capital punishment being meted out for treason when the country was not at ware.

You may quote this letter in full, if you so desire."

Text of Mr. Frank's statements

"I have not examined the evidence on the basis of which Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of espionage; and I am therefore in mo position to judge the verdict. But even upon the assumption of their guilt, the death sentence, if carried out, would be a dishonor and diagrace. So many worthy men and women, who have followed the testimony, express doubt of the findings; so much irrelevant emotion about Russia and communism has been allowed to permeate the case, that it should surely be the human part of Justice in a great mation not irrevocably to destroy the future possibility of righting a conceivable wrong. The generous way in which we have punished malignant and traiterous advocates of Fascism, like Axis Selly, Tokyo Rose and Esra Pound, makes the death sentence against this unfortunate couple suspect to the entire world. For the sake of our good mame, and for human love, the Rosenberg case should be reviewed; if the verdict is affirmed, the sentence should be commuted."

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Hundreds of thousands of people in the United States are writing to President Trumen asking him to grant executive clemency to these two young parents. We ask you to add your voice.

We believe that the enclosed material will show that our country's history of merciful justice will be served by a Presidential commutation of sentence.

In order to bring the appeal for clemency to a of our fellow-Americans we need fifty thousand dollar for newspaper ads, radio and television programs, and to send out letters like this one. The enclosed enveloped is for your contribution. Your check may be made payable to Joseph Brainin, Chairman, or to the National Rosenberg Committee. We hope you will want to help.

We pray that you will write to the President on behalf of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and their two young sons.

Sincerely,

DAVID ALMAN, Executive Secretary



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"—the President should commute the death sea-tence."

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Comments from the Jewish Press on Clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg

From JERUSALEM POST, November 2, 1952

"There are, however, a number of reasons which have moved many people, though they have no doubt about the Rosenbergs' guilt, to press for a commutation of the sentence. Whatever the secrets transmitted by the Rosenbergs, they were extremely small cogs in a big wheel. Eminent physicists like May and Fuchs, on the other hand, who knew very well what they were doing, have come away with much milder sentences. The former is to be released from prison by the end of this year. To execute the smaller fry and free the higher ups after comparatively short prison sentences, is not the ordinary man's idea of impartial justice."

From column by Samuel B. Gach, editor and publisher of THE CALIFORNIA JEWISH VOICE, November 26, 1952

"If the Rosenbergs are ignited the world will see it as punitive politics; as hysterical fear overriding judgment and justice. The end result would be the stimulation of less trust and less regard for America and the world.

"It is yet not too late to show the world that sanify still prevails in our U.S.A., and that fear is as yet localized and has not spread to epidemic propor"You can still save the two Rosenbergs from brutal murder by wiring President Truman for clemency."

In Winnipeg, Mr. Melvín Fenson, editor of THE JEWISH POST, the oldest Anglo-Jewish weekly in Western Canada, reprinted on his editorial page the full text of an appeal by Rabbi Abraham Cronbach, a noted American religious leader, asking for clemency for the Rosenbergs.

By H. Leivik, Yiddish poet, in THE JEWISH DAY, November 25, 1952

"From the profoundest depths of my conscience I wish to add my word of appeal to those of all other honest, non-partisan people who are appealing and who are impelied by no other motive than their

obedience to the command of humanism and human mercy. And however small my word may be, I want through this, my word, to appeal to President Truman, to this man who, in the course of his presidency has on more than one occasion manifested wonderfully deep characteristics of human understanding, that the death sentence of the Rosenbergs, who were found guilty, should be commuted by him to imprisonment."

From the AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD, Minneapolis, Minn, November 28, 1952

"The unprecedented death sentence in peacetime, however, we believe to be a result of the anti-Communist hysteria prevalling in these days. In periods of hysteria, justice must be consciously raised above and protected against the temper of the times to keep the balance even... It is our conviction that the American historic sense of justice calls for a presidential commutation in this case, and that the spirit of America in these days of hysteria will be more strengthened by a commutation than by the imposition of the death sentence."

From JEWISH NEWS, Detroit, Michigan, November 28, 1952

"The final verdict now is in the hands of President Truman, or should sentence be deferred again, it may be placed in the lap of President Eisenhower after January 20. As in the instances of the Dreyfus Affair and the Sacco-Vanzetti Case, Israel's rabbis are following earlier precedents in which non-Americans and non-French pleaded the cause of American-Italians and a French Jew."

From column by Jacob Glatstein, JEWISH MORNING JOURNAL, October 29, 1952

"One can readily see that America can very well agree not to snuff out the lives of the Rosenberg couple and not to give them the maximum penalty, which our country has never before given anyone in time of peace, and which was not given even to Dr. Klaus Fuchs, who much more directly, solentifically and consciously betrayed his country."

From editorial in THE JEWISH DAY, October 16, 1952

"... believing in our democratic system of justice and in the just application of our laws, we feel that we are entitled to appeal to the President that he should commute the death sentence."

By Haim Lieberman, JEWISH DAILY FORWARD, November 24, 1952

"Mr. President, God invested you with a part of his greatness, he gave you power of life and death over a sinful couple, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. We pray and hope that in the fateful decision that you must make about them, you will follow the path of mercy, the path of God."

From column by Rabbi Louis D. Gross in THE JEWISH EXAMINER, March 14, 1952

"After plowing through volumes of the evidence presented in this tragic case, I am not convinced, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that the Bosenbergs are guilty.

"... It is quite possible, and very disturbing, to feel that the hapless Rosenberg couple may have been victimized by the anti-Communist hysteria which has been sweeping this country with deadly effect."

From editorial in the Brooklyn JEWISH EXAMINER, October 24, 1952

"The value of the information transmitted to the Rogenbergs by the second-rate electrician David Greenglass, is arguable at best. The Journal of the American Association of Atomic Scientists as well as The Scientific American stated that these 'secrets' were not particularly important.

"German war criminals guilty of ghastly atrucities during World War II, as well as American traitors like Tokio Rose and Axis Sally, escaped the supremenance.

"It would seem from the above that the punishment of the Rosenbergs is unduly harsh." 1.3°

Indiana, December 5, 1952

"We believe that President Truman ought to commute the death sentence imposed on Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. . . . Justice in the United States must not be more vindicities than in other civilized countries."

From lead editorial in the TORONTO HEBREW DAILY JOUR-NAL, November 24, 1952

"It is also important to know that appealing to their president is not only the tank of citizens of the United States. It is the duty of all right-minded liberal people in the entire world to let their voices be heard, and to appeal to the president.

"The example of the 22 Rabbis of larsel, who appealed directly to president Trumen on behalf of the Rosenbergs, must serve as an example. "We are of the opinion, that all liberal and progressive people in Canada must join in this appeal and ask President Truman to spare the lives of the Rosenbergs, because where the law is too harsh there is room for compassion. It is human to commit a orime, it is also human to forgive.

. "In the case of the Rosenbergs, it is no excessive request that the death sentence not be carried suk. Precedents for this are numberless."

From the JEWISH WESTERN BULLETIN, official organ of the Jewish Council of Vancouver

"The Bulletin does not question the conviction of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. We do feel, however, that the request for elemency directed to President Truman that he should commute the death sentence imposed on these people, is fully justified....

"Finally, it should be noted that this statement represents the unanimous optation of the Editorial Committee of this publication."

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Kational Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case



Clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg

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From article entitled "Justice and Compassion for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," by Hillel Rogoff, editor JEWISH DAILY FORWARD, November 29, 1952 "Those who are sincerely interested in the fate of the Rosenbergs should know that now there remains but one means by which they can be saved from the electric chair and that is to move President Truman to commute the death sentence to a lesser punishment. And the appeal to the President should be made on the ground of humaneness, compassion and mercy. . . . Now all energies must be exerted toward one goal—to stop the execution. If this should succeed, then those who believe in the possibility of vindicating them can attempt to do so."

A Cable from Twenty Israeli Rabbis

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Dear Friend:

The fate of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg is now in the hands of President Harry S. Truman. Their execution is set to take place the week of January 12th.

Hundreds of thousands of people in the United States are writing to President Truman asking him to grant executive clemency to these two young parents. We ask you to wire or write President Truman, asking him to commute the death sentences.

We believe that the enclosed material will show that our country's history of merciful justice will be served by a Presidential commutation of sentence.

In order to bring the appeal for clemency to millions of our fellow-Americans we need fifty thousand dollars for newspaper ads, radio and television programs, and to send out letters like this one. The enclosed envelope is for your contribution. Your check may be made payable to <u>Joseph Brainin</u>, <u>Chairman</u>, or to the <u>National Rosenberg Committee</u>. We hope you will want to help.

We pray that you will write to the President on behalf of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and their two young sons.

Sincerely,
DAVID ALMAN, Executive Secretary

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U.S. BRIGADIER-GENERAL HENRY CLANDEROCHER (Ret.); REV. CLARENCE I HERRICTT; HONORABLE SIDNEY SILVER MAN, Member of Parliament, Great Britain Prof. Stephen Love; Chairman of Character and Fitness Committee of Illimots Stephens Court; Waldo Frank, author; Rejohn Paul. Jones, Union Church of Barch; Dorothy; Rabbi Abraham Crop Bach; Dorothy; Rabbi George Fox, Chicage Rabi Dr. Meyer Sharef; Dr. Georg Rabi Dr. Meyer Sharef; Dr. Georg Sarton, Professor of Mathematics, Harver

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THE ROSENBERGS MUST NOT DIE!

Hundreds of Thousands of Americans are appealing for Clemency!

Their Execution Is Set for the Week of January 12th!

For the first time Americans have been sentenced to death on such a charge!

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were indicted in 1950, charged with giving atomic information to Russia in 1944, when she was our wartime ally. With their co-defendant, Morton Sobell, they protest their innocence to this day. On April 5, 1951 Morton Sobell was sentenced to 30 years in prison, and Ethel and Julius Rosenberg to the electric chair.

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case believes there is definitely grave and reasonable doubt about their conviction. But now, with the United States Supreme Court having turned down their request for a review of their conviction, the immediate issue is not their guilt or innocence, or the vindication that time may bring. The issue now is to save the Rosenbergs from the unjust, un-American, unequal sentence of death. No other Americans, not even convicted traitors like Axis Sally and Tokyo Rose, received the death sentence.

EVEN THOSE WHO BELIEVE THEM GUILTY PROTEST THE UNJUST SENTENCE AND ARE ASKING THE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUTATION

What you can do to save their lives:

- Send a letter, telegram, or postal card to the President, The White House, Washington, D. C., respectfully urging him to commute the death sentence for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.
- Send a similar letter, telegram, or postal card to your own Congressman and to your two U.S. Senators, respectfully urging them to speak up for a commutation of sentence for the Rosenbergs.
- Ask your organization—church, union, synagogue, veterans' group, women's auxiliary, social club, bridge club—to send similar letters to the President and other officials.
- Write to your local newspaper, and visit the editors with a delegation, asking them to speak up editorially for equal American justice for the Rosenbergs.
- Send a contribution—whatever you can afford—to the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case to help us carry on this work. Checks may be made out to Joseph Brainin, Chairman, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, N. Y. Tell us what else you think should be done.

World Public Opinion Clamors For Clemency

DOROTHY THOMPSON,

The Washington Star, April 12, 1951:

"The death sentence . . . depresses me . . . in 1944, we were not at war with the Soviet Union. . . . Indeed, it is unlikely that had they been tried in 1944 they would have received any such sentence."

MAX LERNER,

New York Post, June 19, 1952:

."I agree that the death sentence was supprecedented and harsh."

The Very Rev. C. W. CHANDLER, Doen of Felkato, Hamilton, New Zeeland, October 27, 1952;

"As beinous as the offense may be, it does not merit a death sentence, and I cannot believe that in this testance the president of your republic will allow this sentence to stand."

JEWISH DAILY FORWARD, Article by editor Hillel Rogoff, October 16, 1952:

"When Judge Irving Kaufman passed the death sentence on the Rosenbergs, the Jewish Daily Forward wrote that the sentence was too horrible. We have not changed our minds. . . . We express our hope that the president will save the Rosenbergs from the electric chair."

THE NATION.

Article by Arthur Garfield Hays, November 8, 1952:

We may try, but we cannot forget

the two young Rosenberg children.
It is the damnable death penalty that causes the uneasiness.

JEWISH MORNING JOURNAL,

Column by Jacob Glatitein, October 29, 1952:

"One can readily see that America ean very well agree not to must out the lives of the Rosenberg couple and not to give them the maximum penalty, which our country has never before given anyone in time of peace, and which was not given even to Dr. Klans Fuchs, who much more directly, scientifically and consciously betrayed his country."

JEWISH BAY,

Editorial, October 16, 1952:

tem of justice and in the just application of our laws, we feel that we are entitled to appeal to the President that he should commute the death sentence."

THE CHURCHMAN.

(Protestant Episcopalian), in an editorial on November 1, 1952:

The Churchman feels that the death sentence, in the light of the far milder treatment of more serious offenders than the Rosenbergs, is both excessive and cruel. We believe that the execution of these two individuals will only hurt the name of the United States.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 1952 The New York Cimes

JERUSALEM SENDS A ROSENBERG PLEA

20 Religious Leaders Urge Truman Clemency for Pair Condemned as Spies

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18—Twenty prominent rabbis and religious leaders in Jerusalem appealed to President Truman today to exercise clemency on behalf of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The New York coupls is under sentence to die in Sing Sing Prison for passing atomic secrets to the Soviet Union. The petition, sponsored by Jeru-

atomic secrets to the Soviet Union.
The petition, sponsored by Jerusalem relatives of the condemned spice, said:

"We can hardly imagine that Jews anywhere in the world and

especially in a glorious country like the United States should act against the interests of the state. At least we are not sware of such an instance in the long history of the Jewish people.

the Jewish people.

"Similarly, we are not aware of any precedent where a person has been condemned to death in a democratic country for offenses alleged in this case in time of peace."

The rabbis appealed to the President's sense of humanity and noted that the prisoners could do no further harm if they remained in custody.

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The signatories included officials of the Chief Rabbinate and swell-known Talmudic asges. Chief Rab-

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It was in the light of this reaction of the Trial Judge that he imposed the sentence of death. But, his thoughts and his words at the critical moment of conviction may be better evaluated in the calmer perspective afforded by distance from the event itself. Many reasons have been advanced for the outbreak of war in Korea. But no responsible person today would objectively lay responsibility therefor at the door of the Rosenbergs. Nor, indeed, has subsequent analysis supported the suggestion even that the Rosenbergs were responsible for giving to Russia the secret of the Atom bomb "years before our best scientists predicted Russia would perfect the bomb". The known facts are "that there were no unpublished secrets concerning atomic weapons and no secret laws of nature available only to a few" (Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer) and that "the principles that have been used were well known to the international scientific world in 1940" (Smyth Report, Official Report of U.S. Gov"t. Atomic Energy Development, 1945).

The sentence having been rendered and it having been within statutory limits, precedent made it impossible for the appellate courts to reduce or commute it. It is precisely in such a situation that the importance of the power of executive clemency becomes manifest. It is only by virtue of the exercise of such power that a clear injustice may be averted.

It is important at this junction in history to demonstrate to the world that the United States proceeds against those who are regarded as even the most serious criminals against the State only on the basis of its recognized processes of law. It will not do this country good to bring about the death of the Rosenbergs for espionage while we punish only with imprisonment those who devoted themselves during the war to accomplishing the defeat of the United States. The incongruity involved in such disparate treatment carries a suspicion of vindictiveness and of oppression because of political views unworthy of our great democratic tradition.

This conclusion is fortified by the fact that a conviction for treason could not have been obtained on the basis of the accomplice testimony which supported the conviction for conspiracy to commit espionage in this case.

For these reasons, we submit that the petition for clemency should be granted and that the death sentence should be commuted to life imprisonment.

We respectfully suggest that members of the Bar write and wire to the President of the United States requesting that he grant clemency to the Rosenbergs.

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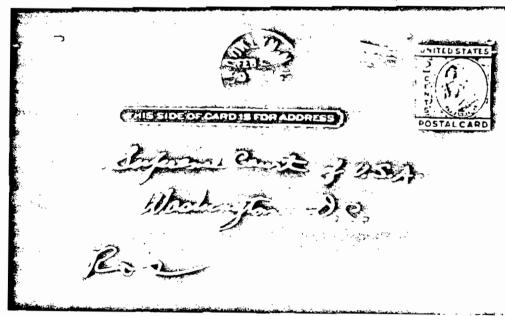
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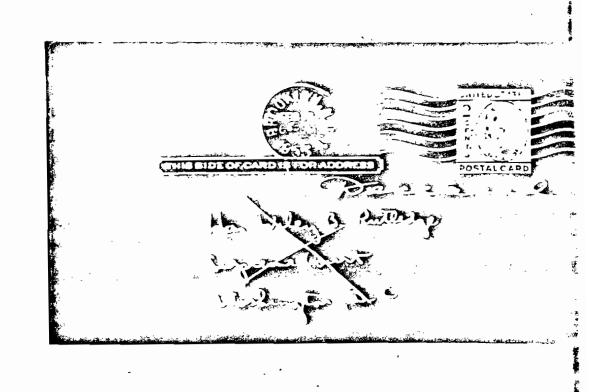
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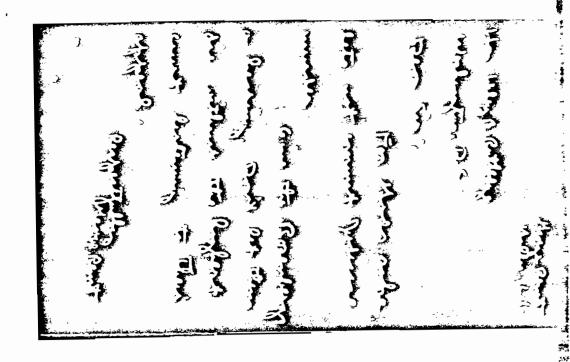
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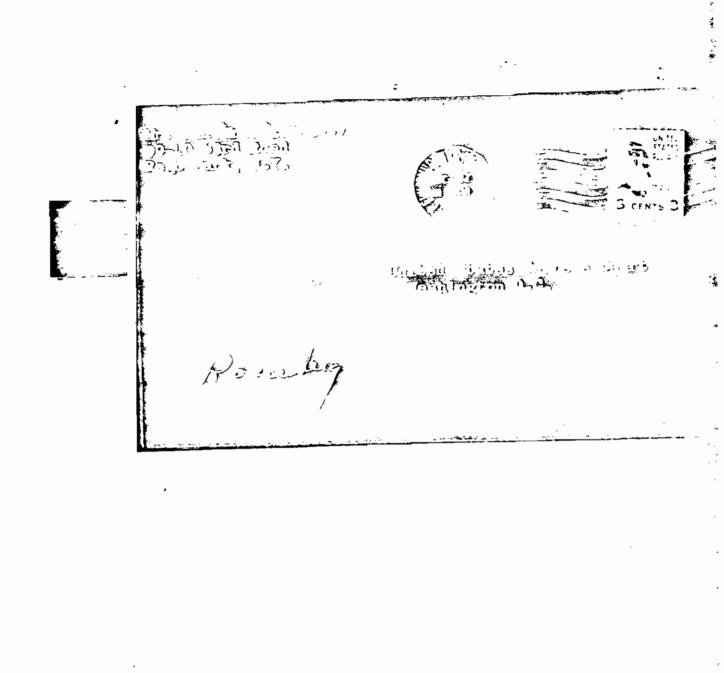












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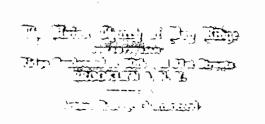
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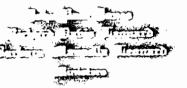
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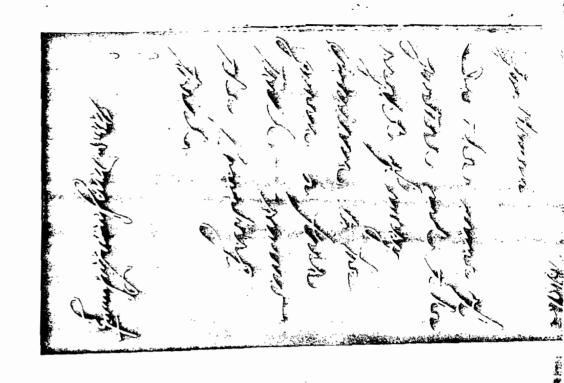
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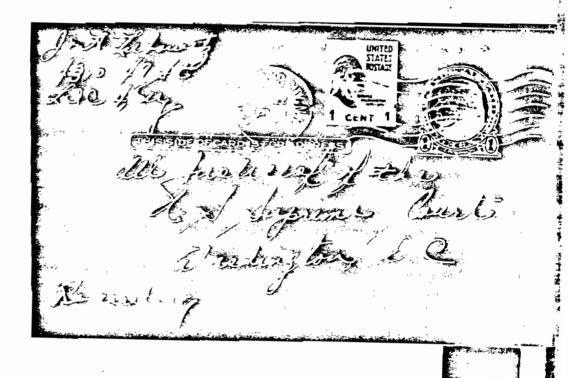
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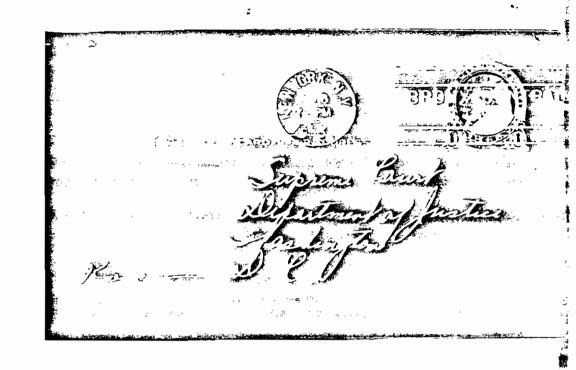
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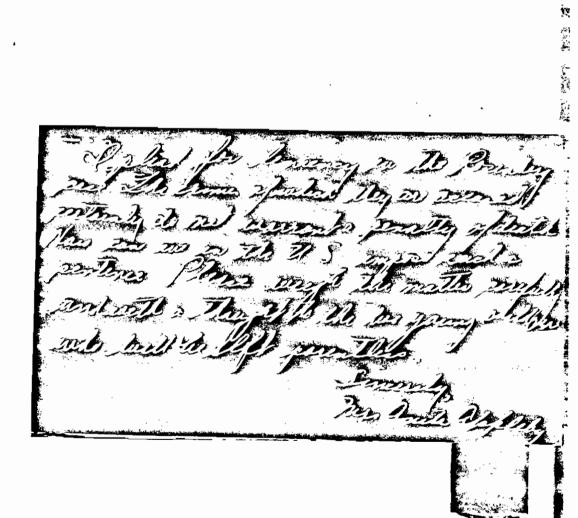
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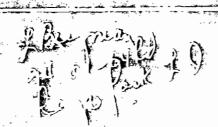
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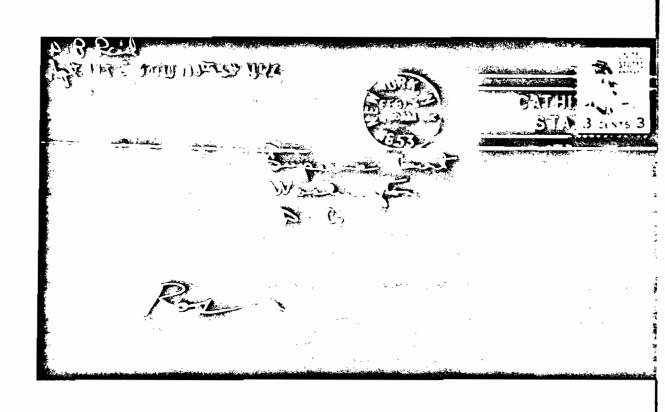
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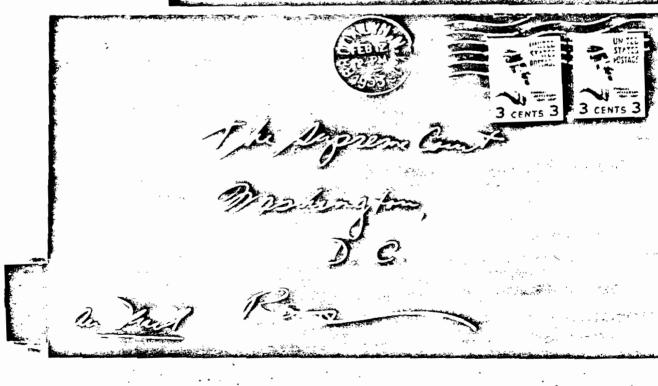


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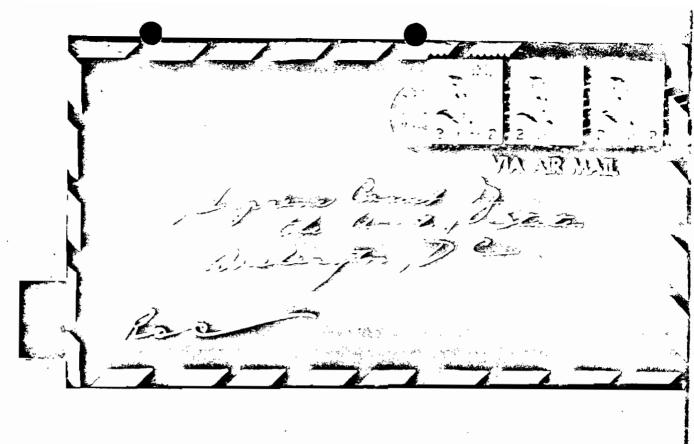
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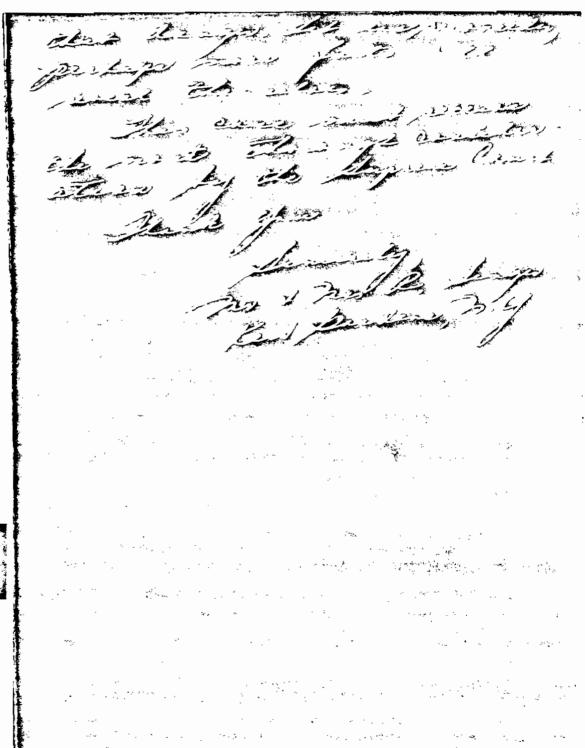
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PRESS RELEASE - DECEMBER 56, 1952

Northwest Local 163 of the CIO United Auto Workers Union, comprising workers in the General Motors diesel unit in Detroit, amounced today (Dec. 29) that it has appealed to Federal Judge Irving Kaufman and President Truman for clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

Writing in behalf of his executive board, Leo D. Shaffer, president of Northwest Local 163, expressed the hope that Judge Kaufman "will reconsider the penalty of death that you have imposed on the Rosenbergs and commute the sentence to one more in accord with American standards of justice."

Shaffer sent the Judge a copy of a clemency appeal he had addressed to President Truman on instruction of the UAW local's executive board. The letter to the President said "the Board members expressed their strong aversion to capital punishment and believe there should be no exception in this case."

"I personally feel," the letter added, "that to allow the sentence to stand would offend against all standards of American justice and would encourage a practice we have condemned in Mazi Germany, which is contrary to all religious precepts we as Christians profess to believe in."

Local 163 joined a growing list of CIO, AFof L and independent unions and union leaders that have appealed for clemency for the Rosenbergs. Among these are a brother local in the CIO United Auto Workers, the 57,000 member Ford Local 600, largest union local in the world.

Also on record for elemency are the official organ of Local 6

(California) of the AF of L International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers;

Local 1, AFL Bakery and Confectionary Workers Union; Local 140, CIO United

Furniture Workers; Local 107, AFL Paper Workers; Local 1, AFL Jewelry

Workers; Local 6, International Longshore and Warehouse Workers; Joseph

Selley, international president American Communications Association; Local 65,

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president of the 100,000 member International Fur and Leather Workers Union.

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Committee To Secure Justice In The Rosenberg Case

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The following statement issued by the Chinese people's organisations was received today by National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case from Peking, China. The statement was issued in Peking on December 27, 1952.

"Two democratic progressive Americans Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death on framed up charge of violating finited States espionage law by conspiring transmit atomic bomb information to Soviet Union and set to be executed January 12, 1953.

Chinese People are shocked and outraged by this shameless verdict of American Government who deliberately concected case to persecute democratic progressive emericans and therefore strongly protest against this barbarous act of contempt justice and trampling upon human rights.

Acts and proceedings of Rosenberg trial prove American Government invented whole case for concealed political purpose. Rosenbergs have not committed any crime. They are only ordinary decent Americans. Government prosecutor produced no substantial evidence. (Prosecution witnesses are either professional informers or scamps bought by FBI agents). "Evidence of crime" against them was their progressive ideas. So called evidence was so absurd even prosecution dared not call.

American Scientists to testify.

Henceforth Rosenberg Case is but product of American Governments war policy. American Government manufactured case for shameful purpose of finding pretext discredit Soviet Union promote anti-Soviet, anti-communist war hysteria, suppress growing American peace movement and for persecution of Democratic progressive Americans. This shows American reactionary clique who are galloping down road to death and destruction on their chariot have completely torn down masks of "Democracy" and "individual rights" in their domestic policy, imposing their monstrous face of fascism and militarism.

To support Rosenbergs in their fight for justice is defend peace, freedom and democracy of American people as well as peoples of world.

We are in complete sympathy with American peoples struggle to defend -Civil Rights and for vindication of Rosenbergs. We support appeal

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of National Committee Secure Justice Rosenberg Case and demand American Government immediately reverse unjust and barbarous verdict and set Rosenbergs free.

Chinese Peoples Committee for World Peach,

All China Federation of Labour,

All China Democratic Womens Federation,

All China Federation of Democratic Youth,

All China Federation of Literary and At Circles,

All China Students Federation,

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National Council Church of Christ of China,

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Pointing to the incomparable severity of the sentence of death passed upon Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, a retired principal of a Chicago School and a former Rhodes Scholar, now a Professor at the Idaho State College, have asked President Truman in separate letters to grant clemency to the young couple who are parents of two small shildren.

"Many of us believe that you have the courage of your convictions and try to act always for what you think is right and just,"

Miss Flora J. Cooke, retired after 34 years of service in educational work wrote to the President. "We appeal to you in light of evidence, to mitigate this sentence to fit their crime as has been done throughout the past in the name of American ideals for justice and human rights."

From Pocatello; Idaho, the well-known Professor John Granville Rideout wrote to President Truman: "As the Christian President of a Christian nation, save the Rosenbergs!"

"As a Rhodes Scholar resident of Oxford University, "Professor Rideout's letter continued, "I was privileged to observe the quieter and more balanced ways of our English cousins. It was no surprise to se when I learned that Dr. Allan Rumn May is only serving a prison sentence as a confessed atomic spy.

"But even if the Rosenbergs were guilty," the Professor observed,

"the United States can not uphold its reputation as a democratic and
a Christian nation by applying this unprecedentedly cruel death
sentence."

Meanwhile, correspondence from abroad continues to show an ever-widening wave of appeals to President Truman from all countries throughout the world for clemency for the Rosenbergs.

From Sydney, Australia, the Hotel; Club, Restaurant, Caterors, Tea Rooms and Boarding Houses Employees Union of New South Wales, forwarded a communication protesting the death penalty.

Pross Release - Page two The members of this Union desire to add their voice to the rising storm of protest against the inhuman sentence of death imposed on Julius and Ethel Rosenberg ... Contrasted with the freeing of war oriminals, the light sentences on Tokyo Rose, Axis Sally and others, the sentence can only be attributed to political bias, and this Union protests with all its might against it." In an article in the "Jewish Chronicle", in London, entitled "Jewish Attitude to Capital Punishment," the noted writer M. Aberbach, traced the historical opposition of the Jewish people throughout the .. world to the imposition of the death sentence for any crims whatsoe Teve "Perhaps the most explicit Jewish statement on this issue is contained in the draft constitution of the State of Israel (Litticle . 12), " Mr. Aberbach concluded. He quoted the law which states: The State shall ensure the sanctity of human life and uphold the dignity of man. There shall be no penalty of death." In the United States, a report from the Boston Committee to Secure Clemency in the Rosenberg Case disclosed multitudinous community activities in behalf of clemency. Revere. Masse, is planning an advertisement in their community newspaper. Following a distribution of 5,000 leaflets, street by street, and house by house, Roxbury undertook a post-card canvassing last week. In Wellesley-Newton, two ministers spoke on the case from their pulpits and another, on a speaking tour, has arranged to bring up the case throughout his trip. The Committee reported it is planning to send a delegation to Governor Dever asking that he intercede with the President for executive elemency. Governor Dever has commuted all death sentences imposed during his incumbency, the report noted. Delegations of citizens from most states in the Union are expected to attend the National "Clemency Gathering" in Washington on Monday, January 5, . where they will visit their Congressmen and Senators to interpede with the President for the granting of clemency to the Rosenbergs.

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New York, N.Y. -- Eighty-nine leading citizens in Chicago, including rabbis, ministers, attorneys, scientists, CIO Packinghouse Workers! Union officials, doctors and leading professors at the University of Chicago, have appealed to President Truman, in an independently-initiated Open Letter, to grant clemency to the Rosenbergs.

Announcement of the Open Letter was made in New York by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, which said it has been heartened in the last few weeks by "the growing number of independent movements for elemency for the Rosenbergs, which are originating in the churches, synagogues, universities, labor unions and in other organizations."

In their Open Letter, the Chicago leaders dedlared: "Mr. President, Americans are a merciful people. It is justice tempered with the utmost regard for life which has always distinguished our American Courts of Law. Do not let this harsh and unprecedented sentence stand. We appeal to you, as President of the United States to exercise your power and act at once to grant clemency to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg."

The list of signers to the Chicago Open Letter follows:

Prof. James Luther Adams, Meadville Theological Seminary Prof. Samuel K. Allison
Joseph P. Antonow - Attorney
Roland Bailey
Rev. William T. Baird, Essex Community Church
Arthur Bassin - Arthitect
Margaret Bauer, Parkway Community Center
Janet Harmon Braggs - Aviatrix
Margaret Goss Burroughs, South Side Art Center
Rev. Royall D. Caldwell
Dr. Anton J. Carlson, Prof. Emeritus, Univ. of Chicago
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Lyle Cooper, Research Director, United Packinghouse Workers of America; CIO Eugene Cotton - Attorney Dr. Harmon Craig W.E. Cumningham, M.D. Earl B. Dickerson - Attorney Norman Dolnick - Publicity Director, United Packinghouse Workers of America, CIO Evelyn Mills Duvall Kermit Eby - Prof. of Sociology, University of Chicago Dorothy Esterquest Rev. Joseph Evans, Metropolitan Community Church Charles Fischer - United Packinghouse Workers of America, CIO Rabbi G. George Fox - Emeritus, South Shore Temple Edward Fruchtman - Attorney Dr. Peter Gaberman, Chicago Medical School Fern Gayden Mrs. Rabbi David Graubert Mr. and Mrs. Ben Greenspan Prof. Robert J. Havighurst A. Eustace Hayden, Prof. Emeritus, University of Chicago Rev. J.C. Hayes, Sr., Rust Memorial Church Hyman J. Hirshfield, M.D. Rev. Reynolds N. Hoover, Ingleside Methodist Church Bert F. Hoselitz, Assoc. Prof. of Social Science Mr. and Mrs. Eli Hulbert Sidney Jones - Attorney Harry Kalven, Assoc. Prof., Law School, Univ. of Chicago Dr. Alex Kaplan - Bio-chemist. Leonard Karlin - Attorney of the contract of the second Mrs. Kenesaw Landis II Rav. Bernard Loomer, Dean Divinity School, University of Chicago Mrs. Bernard Loomer Mrs. Bernard Louis.

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CLEMENCY VIGIL BEGINS AT WHITE HOUSE

For immediate Release December 27, 1952

At 4 P.M. today (Dec. 27), twelve American men and women from several states began a Vigil at the White House asking President Truman to grant Executive Clemency to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, sentenced to die in the electric chair the week of January 12th for conspiracy to give information to an allied nation during World War II.

The Clemency Vigil, at the East Executive Avenue entrance to the White House, is expected to draw the participation of men and women of all religious beliefs from as far west as California. The Vigil, which will continue 24 hours every day and night, has already inspired the preparation of local vigils in other cities.

The placards carried by those on the Vigil quoted many eminent, religious and public figures as favoring clemency, among them Rev. Charles E. Raven, Chaplain to Queen Elizabeth, Rabbi Louis D. Gross, publisher of the Jewish Examiner, Rev. Bernard M. Loomer, Dean of the Divinity School of Chicago University, Dorothy Thompson noted writer, the entire Yiddish press (Daily Forward, Day and Morning Journal), and one placard carrying a sworn admission by FBI agent John Harrington that the prosecution had aided a witness to commit perjury during the Rosenberg trial.

The quotations asked for Clemency on many grounds: that the Rosenbergs are the first persons ever sentenced to death on such a charge; that persons convicted of treason -- of aiding an enemy of the United States in time of War (A xis Sally, Tokyo Rose etc.)-- received prison terms; that key figures in the alleged conspiracy (Fuchs, Gold and others) did not get the death sentence; that there was grave doubt of the guilt of the Rosenbergs.

NATIONAL LABOR COMMITTEE FOR CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS 1050 Sixth Avenue New York 19, New York BRyant 9-9694 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - DEC. 27, 1952 Ben Gold, President of the 100,000 member Interantional Fur & Leather Workers Union of the United States and Canada, in a statement addressed; to the National Labor Committee for Clemency For The Rosenbergs called upon "all labor and democratio-minded America to raise their voices in vigorous protest" against the impending electrocution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, The death sentence which is set for the week of Jan. 12, 1953, has already brought protests from every quarter of the globe. Appeals for clemency from notables in every field of endeavor, from France, England, Italy, Japan, Australia and other countries, come into Washington by the thousands each day. Unions throughout the world, whose membership runs into the millions have already petitioned Truman to stop the execution. In his statement Mr. Gold assailed the death sentence which was based on testimony "as dependable as the infamous testimony given by the witnesses at the Balem witchhunting trials. He concluded his statement with a call for "justice and fair play and said it is the solemn duty of President Truman to use his power of executive clemency to save the lives of the Rosenbergs. Mr. Gold's statement follows: In the name of humanity and justice, it is imperative that all labor and democratic-minded Americans raise their voices in vigorous protest to halt the murder of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. It is impossible to conceive that a court would sentence two people to death on such flimsy evidence given by one who turned S tate's witness and was ready to do anything in order to save his own life. Such evidence given in a Court of Justice by stoolpigeons is as dependable as the infamous testimony given by the witnesses at the Salem witchhunting trials. It is very doubtful whether the Rosenbergs could get a fair trial in this unfortunate atmosphere of cold-war hysteria, of fascist legislation like the Taft-Hartley, Smith and McCarran laws, of McCarthyism, witchhunting and inquisition committees and the tragic bloodshed in Korea. In the name of our precious democratic heritage - in the name of the principles of true Americanism which we hold dear - in the name of Justice and fair play, it is the solemn duty of President Truman to use his power of executive clemency to save the lives of the Rosenbergs. Ben Gold, President Intil. Fur & Leather Workers Union.

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WHITE HOUSE CLEMENCY VIGIL PASSES 24th CONSECUTIVE HOUR

The White Ecuse Vigil for Clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg began at 4 pm on Saturday, December 27, and has passed its first consecutive 24 hour period, the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case

THOUSANDS EXPECTED ON JANUARY 5 DELEGATIONS TO PRESIDENT

AND LAWMAKERS

announced today.

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The Committee's original plan to maintain the Vigil with from four to ten persons at any one time had to be revised at the request of many persons from nearby states who were anxious to participate. At no time were there less than ten persons participating, and there were frequently many more.

Housewives, several businessmen, atudents, trade unionists and school teachers were among those who joined the Vigil. Half a dozen staten, from New England south to Virginia, were represented, as were all religious faiths as well as both Negro and white citizens.

It is expected that midwest and western states will be represented later this week.

The Clemency Vigil is one of a number of actions to be taken in Washington before January 12th, the week of the scheduled execution of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

On January 5th, thousands of persons are expected in Washington from every part of the country to petition the President and Senators and Congressmen to spare the lives of the young Rosenberg couple, the only Americans ever sentenced to death for allegedly conspiring to give information during world War II to an allied nation.

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE CALLS FOR CLEMENCY FOR ROSENBERGS

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The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, in a newsletter to affiliates, has called upon its membership to "urge President Truman to grant olemency to the Rosenbergs," the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case announced it had just learned.

Newsletter No. 24, sent from the Organization's Washington headquarters, 1734 F Street, N.W., on December 12, devotes half of pages 8 and 9 to comment on the Rosenberg Case and answers to the question, "What Can We do?"

Noting that many communications had come to the Policy Committee from branches, individuals, members and friends asking what the League was going to do about the case, The Bulletin observed that "after very serious and searching study and consideration it seems right to make certain points."

"There appears to be substantial evidence of guilt," The
Bulletin remarks, but notes that able lawyers have pointed out that
"the trial was unfair and there were certain improprieties in the
proceedings."

Through its Bulletin, the League passed on four recommendations for action to its membership.

- .. "1. We can reaffirm that we are unalterably and irrevocably opposed to capital punishment, no matter what the crime or degree of guilt.
- "2. We can point out that we believe this sentence, unprecedented in our history, is excessive and should be commuted and reconsidered.
- "3. We must work to create a climate of opinion free of fear in which we insist on equal justice under the law and protest against the kind of prejudicial treatment which gives the death sentence to some and a lighter sentence to those who, though indicted as co-conspirators, turned informers for the State."
- "4. Urge President Truman to grant clemency to the Rosenbergs. This is the least we can do. This much we must do.

"Above all," the passage combudes, "let us not be paralyzed by the fear that our intentions will be misunderstood ... May the day never come when the WILPF refuses or fails to state openly and for all to hear its fundamental support of freedom and civil liberties."

Among the first founders of the League, which was organized more than half a century ago, were Carrie Chapman Catt, famed suffragette, and Jan Addams, internationally-renowned woman pacifist leader.

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WHITE HOUSE CLEMENCY VIGIL NOW IN THIRD DAY

The Clemency Vigil at the White House, Washington, DC, is now coming into its 72nd consecutive hour, the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case announced today.

The Vigil, asking President Truman to grant Executive Clemency to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, will continue 24 hours, day and night, to the week of January 12th, the date set for the execution of the Rosenbergs.

Walking in temperatures that fell as low as 24 degrees in the early morning hours, the participants reported many offers of coffee and relief from sightseers and other passersby.

The Vigil, which has received nationwide radio, television and newspaper coverage, is one of a series of actions undertaken by numerous groups throughout the country. Appeals for clemency are being made by hundreds of thousands who assume the Rosenbergs are guilty but who object to the excessive and unprecedented sentence. Hundreds of thousands of others ask for clemency because they have doubts about the guilt of the Rosenbergs, while still others are convinced of their innocence, which the Rosenbergs continue to affirm in the very shadow of the electric chair.

On January 5th, thousands of persons from all over the country are expected in Washington, where they will form delegations to Senators, Congressmen, the White House, Department of Justice, and other government agencies.

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REPUBLICAN COMMITTEEMAN, BUILDING TRADES JOURNAL, MASSACHUSETTS NEWSPAPER MAKE CLEMENCY PLEAS

Edmind Riely, prominent Republican, Committeeman of the town of Cortlandt, Westchester, New York, in an open letter to President Trumen published in the Ossining (N.Y.) "Citizen "Register" on December 24, appealed to the Precident to commute the death sentence of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, condenned to die during the week of January 12 on the charge of "conspiracy to commit espionage."

Noting that the constitution specifically provides
that, "Treason shall consist only in levying war against the
United States and in giving aid and comfort to their enemies,"
the Republican Committeeman's letter pointed out that this
proviso specifically rules out "the giving of substantially the
same penalty for deceptive larcemous acts not amounting to
treason."

Mr. Riel; is commutation plea for the condemned couple stressed the fact that Klaus Fuchs, English atomic scientist who admitted delivering atomic information to another nation. had received only a prison sentence, while the Rosenbergs were sentenced to die.

Communism has been frequently, unequivocally and publicly expressed; however, my commern for unwavering observance of both letter and spirit of our beloved Republic's magnificent Constitution remains far greater ... If for no other reason than as an example of Christian charity, please commute the Rosenberg's sentence.

NATIONAL COMMUTATE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR THE ROSENBERGS 1.5; Sixth Ave. 2-2-2-2 New York City Rosemberg 12/30/52 A front page editorial in the "lawndale News," Chicago community newspaper, which took the form of a "latter to Santa Claus," appealed for a "gift that can only be found within the heart of one men - the President of the United States ... the gift of life for two people who will otherwise go to their death - the Rosenbergs." Abraham Lincoln, the letter stressed, "would haverisen above the hysteria of this day ... and would have found that he sould not live with himself if these two were to die," "Their guilt is not the issue, Santasse. Their plea is the plea of all humanity for mercy, the plea of a might sed people who can hold their hands up to the sun free of blood and guilt." Another newspaper, "Organized Labor," published by the 80,000 member San Francisco Building Trades Commits, joined the clemancy plea with a leading article in its December 12 issue which beguns: "Let no one say a word in extension of breachary. It is a terrifying orime. Notwithstanding which wany Americans have been appalled at the savagery of the sentence on Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted of turning over information on the atom bomb to the Soviet government. "The Rosenbergs are not beasts. They are human beings who made a truly horrifying mistake.... If we are going to emulate any state, let it be Great Britain, which has abolished capital. punishment and whose one traitor, Klaus Fuchs, drew a 20-year prison sentence, no more, no lesse" In Haverhill, Mass., the "Independent Gasette" in an editorial on December 11, 1952, argued for clemency for the Rosenbergs on the grounds: . 4: " . "We simply do not believe that man is morally justified in taking the life of a fellow-being in cold blood on the pretext that he is thereby protecting himself by defending society. There is not, in our opinion, any deterrent effect in the death penalty.... Society, we are sure, should find a less deadly way of expressing its horror. If the courts fail the Rosenbergs, the President, we think, should commute the death penalty to life imprisonment." # # # # #

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FOR RELEASE DECEMBER 31, 1952

LOCAL RELIGIOUS GROUPS ASK CLEMENCY FOR ROSENBERGS

"Time is growing very short" to a ave the lives of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg was the plea of the Astoria Center of Israel Bulletin for Dec. 26, it was learned today by the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case. "Please act at once," declared an editorial urging the congregation to write President Truman "asking him to commute their sentence" of death in the Sing Sing electric chair during the week of January 12, 1953.

The Bulletin declared it was convinced of the "disloyalty" of the Rosenbergs and of the "fairness" of their trial on charges of alleged passing of publicly known information to Soviet Russia.

"However the death sentence which was imposed upon them is undoubtedly much too severe in view of the time when the act was committed..."

The plea of the Bulletin was among thousands flowing toward Washington, D.C. on the eve of the Clemency and Prayer Gathering there on January 5.

Undoubtedly considering the children of the condemned mother and father, the Bulletin urged people to write "in the name of mercy and kindness...a post card or brief letter is all that is necessary to express your thoughts on the matter."

"The ultimate decision is now in his hands,"
declared the Bulletin of President Truman, "but he will
be guided by public opinion and response."

Meanwhile Rabbi Adolph Klein of Brooklyn declared in a message to President Truman:

"While there is a doubt of the wisdom of the sentences, the executions should not be parried out.

"In the name of my Congragation Ans he Emmeth of Comey Island (N.Y.City) and myself I am appealing for mercy..." declared Rabbi Klein in his message to the President concerning the looming electric chair execution of the father and mother of two children for alleged espionage.

"We all feel that the sentence is shocking and unjust...

Why were others implicated in the plot treated less severely?

In our opinion it is not certain from the court records that the accused were as crucially important in the spy network as they were made out to be," continued Rabbi Klein.

Further asserting that "God alone knows the truth in this tragic case," Rabbi Klein urged that "for the sake of their two young children, grant them their life."

"Our allies will surely be disturbed and confused for they look upon our country as the haven of justice and humanity."

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Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel Prize winner and renowned nuclear scientist, and R abbi Abba Hillel Eilver, foremost leader of American Jewish life, have appealed to Judge Irving Kaufman for reduction of the sentence of death passed on Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, it was learned today by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

Letters from the two American notables were submitted to Judge Kaufman in Federal Court in New York on Monday, December 29, along with statements and letters from some 200 clergymen, scientists, union officials and educators. They accompanied a legal motion by the two Rosenbergs which asked the Judge to reduce the death sentence imposed upon them.

Dr. Urey's letter, written from the Institute for Nuclear Studies at the University of Chicago, assailed in the sharpest terms the credibility of the testimony by David Greenglass, on which the conviction of the Rosenbergs was chiefly based.

Stating that he had read the trial transcript, Dr. Urey declared: "I found the testimony of the Rosenbergs more believable than that of the Greenglasses."

Dr. Urey noted that Ruth Greenglass, who admitted guilt, was never brought to trial; her husband, David Greenglass, self-confessed conspirator, received 15 years; Morton Sobell and Harry Gold 30 years, and Ethel and Julius Rosenberg death sentences.

"However, " his letter continued, "accepting the verdict as correct, I am amazed and completely outraged by the unequal punishment which has been given."

maintained they are innocent and they were convicted on testimony which I do not believe is conclusive beyond a reasonable doubt. If we are going to begin to give the death penalty for espionage, I should like to have it

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introduced in a case in which the guilt is certain.

I believe the Rosenbergs are or have been Communists or very sympathetic to Communist ideas. I regard such people as unreliable generally, but I do not believe in punishing people unless they commit crimes.

Rabbi Silver, in his letter, stated he had faccepted the verdict of the courts in their conviction of the Rosenbergs for violating the espionage laws of our country. Adding that he had no sympathy in my heart for men and women who betray their country, Rabbi Silver declared:

"However, I believe that the death sentence which has been imposed is unprecedented in the legal annals of our country as a punishment for espionage in peacetime. I believe that our country is strong and greathearted enough to be merciful. Should therefore an appeal be made to the court or to the President of the United States for elemency and for commutation of the death-sentence, I am prepared to add my name to such a plea."

The Rosenbergs, in their motion to the court, reiterated that they were innocent and pointed out that the taking of their lives would set a dangerous precedent for the country.

"We are husband and wife," they declared. "We are firmly united by the ties of marriage, the love we bear our two fine sons and one another. As one, we seek relief from sentences that would produce the unutterable tragedy of the destruction of our small family, and set a precedent for the abandonment in America of the civilized appreciation of the worth of human life."

Rosenberg 2-3-3-3-3 12/31/52 Affirming their desire for life, they stated: "We are not martyrs or heroas, nor do we wish to be. We do not want to die. " "We are conscious," they continued, "That were we to accept this verdict, express guilt, the conventional penitence and remorse, the Court's mind might be more easily swayed to mitigate our sentences. "But this course is not open to us. "We are innocent, as we have proclaimed and maintained from the time of our arrest. This is the whole truth. this truth is to pay too high a price even for the priceless gift of life -- for life thus purchased we could not live in dignity and self-respect. Noting that self-confessed conspirators like Gold, Greenglass and others received only prison sentences, the two Rosenbergs stated: *To ask for the reduction of these sentences, therefore, is to ask for justice, not mercy." Their motion concluded: "We appeal to this Court's mind and conscience to take counsel with the reason of others and with the deepest human feelings that treasure life and shun its taking. Justice can be served for all while there is life. Ne ask for that justice. Among the several hundred other clemency pleas presented to Judge Kaufman along with the motion for reduction of sentence were messages from the League of the Rights of Man, an independent : human rights organizations established in France in 1898 in the course of the Dreyfus Case. Among its leading members who supported the plea are President Paul-Boncour, former head of the . French government and a founder of the United Nations, and Rene Cassin, distinguished French dignitary. Others who joined in the plea for reduction of the mentence were Dr. Harlow Shapley, Harvard educator, and the 600,000 member strong London Trades Council. # # ##

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Dear Friend:

My husband, Morton Sobell was convicted and sentenced with Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. He has been sent 3000 miles away from me and from his children to begin serving his 30-year sentence at Alcatraz, which is reserved for the most dangerous and hardened prisoners. But we still can live, we still can fight for vindication and freedom.

Ether and Julie face death within days. Can the dead be vindicated? Can parents found innocent after death embrace a Michael and a Robbie, small victims together with their father and mother?

We have been fighting together, long and hard. We have it in our power to secure Executive Clemency from President Truman. It must be done with each nerve and fiber, every ounce of energy. You must give a little of your life if Ethel and Julie are to live.

Could we have done what has been done in showing a tremendous mumber of people that they must speak out if we had not worked together with our hands and with our money? Our country and the world now begin to know that the lives of the Rosenbergs must be saved.

You have helped before. You must help again. To whom else can we turn?

Ethel and Julie must have a gift from you, the gift of life. The enclosed card can be used to make this gift.

Send the Season's Greetings to Ethel and Julie at Sing Sing and to my husband at Alcatraz, so that they will know that they are not alone.

We, the children, the Committee and I wish you a peaceful and happy New Year.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Morton Sobell)

Helen Sobell

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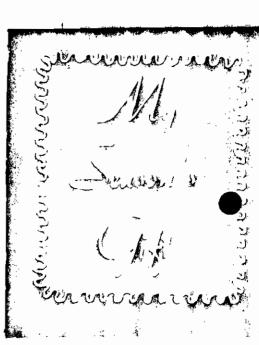
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Dear Sir:

On the 1st of October, we wrote you concerning a meeting which will be held on October 11th in Town Hall, Broad & Race Streets under the ausnices of the Phila. Committee to secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

To date, I have had no word from you, and I understand word is needed from you in order to present same to the City Tax Bureau for an amusement permit.

Please advise, and thank you.

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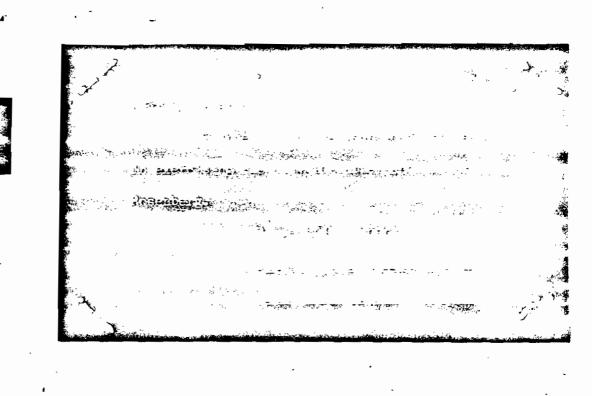
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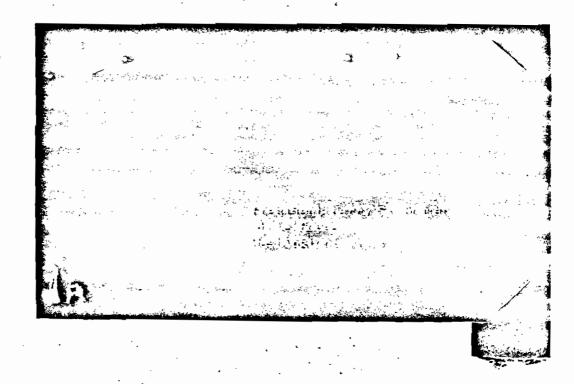
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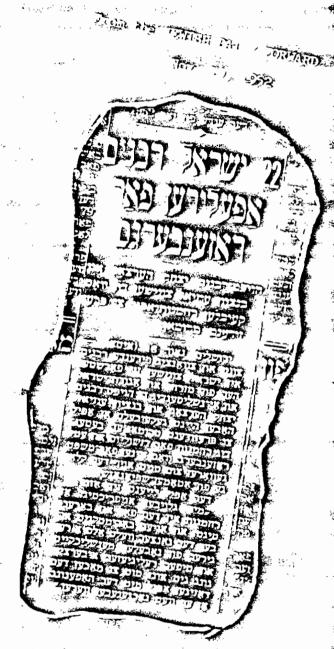
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BOSTON MEETINGS SAVE ROSEREERGS

* TO SECURE JUSTICE * **Boston Edition**

CAN YOU LET THEM DIE?

Julius and Ethol Rosenberg now sit in the death house at Sing Sing, L The Sun stready once refused to give them a hearing or review their conviction The attorneys in the case have presented a petition to the Supreme Court asking that it reconsider its refusal to take the case under review.

Actually only the conscience of the American people can save them from death a

Rabbi Abraham Cronbach, Professor Emeritus at the Jewish The-elogical Seminary In Cincinnati has written a moving plea for "Mercy for the Rosenbergs" in which he has said "Regrettably the Rosenberg case has become implicated with that deadly word (communism). Were the case to be judged on its merits, a great swell of protest would arise against the sentence of death. Public opinion would encourage and support the President in commuting the sentence. The issue has unhappily gotten entangled in cliches which cause Americans to forget that Americans are merciful."

Horrified at the death penalty, Rabbi Louis D. Gross asked, "Did the Judge think that the death sentence was necessary to counteract the anti-semitic charge of Communism against Jews in general?"

In our own state a convicted revenue official was given a new trial on the ground that the atmosphere was so prejudiced his conviction was not fair. Will anyone say the Rosenbergs were tried in an atmosphere free of hatred and prejudice?

Anyone who reads the trial record will have grave doubts of their guilt. All the Rosenbergs seek now is a further opportunity to prove their

innocence. But they need our help.

Will you write a personal note to the White House asking intervention of the President so that they may obtain with Justice Department assent either a new trial or a commutation of the death sentence.

Justice was ultimately done in the Draylus case only because Dieg-

fus was alive when Emile Zola came forward with his is cuse."

Community Church, Saturday eve., Nov. 15: Morton Plaza, Sunday eve., Nov. 16th

TO SEEK CLEMENCY. NEW HEARING

Two large public meetings will be held in Boston to aid the growing national movement to win a new hearing in the case of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, now under a sen-tence of death on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage.

The first will take place in the Community Church Center, 565 Boyiston St., Copiey Sq., Boston on Saturday night, November 15 at 8:15 e'cleck.

The second will be held in the Morton Plaza, corner of Morton and Wellington Hill Streets, Derchester on Sunday evening, November 16 at the same hour.

Both meetings will hear Mrs. Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell, another defendant in the case now serving a thirty year jail sentence as well as local leaders interested in the case.

Both gatherings will be asked to consider the claims of the defendants that they are innocent as well as the nation-wide drive to win classes oncy from the White House in view of the unprecedented harshness of the sentences.

Religious Leaders Protest Death Sentence

Scores of clergymen and religious | leaders of all faiths have joined publicly in the effort to win a Supreme Court review of the sentence of death meted out to Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

Protestant leaders include Rev. John Paul Jones, prominent New York Presbyterian leader; Rev. H. H. Hester, Rev. Clarence D. Herriott, Rev. Charles William Campbell, Rev. R. D. Rudd, Rev. Howard Matson, Rev. T. E. Brown, Rev. Mother Lens Stokes.

Rabbis who have signed an amicus curiae brief in the case include Rabbi L. A. Greenberg, Rabbi Jacob Hoffman, Rabbi Abraham Horvitz, Rabbi Moskay P. Mann. Rabbi Dr. Meyer Sharff has repeated at numerous public meetings, "I am guided by our Holy Torah and by our Prophets. I, an orthodox Rabbi, am firmly convinced that Ethel and Jul-

ius Rosenberg and Morton Sobel. are entitled to a hearing in the Supreme Court of the United States.

I have studied and pondered the facts. . . . I came to the firm confacts. . . . I came to the firm con-viction that something had to be done to save these persons from an undeserved fate."

Among Catholic leaders who have expressed themselves similarly are Dorothy Day, editor of the Catholic Worker and Rev. Clarence Duffy,

THE SENTENCE OF DEATH

Most Americans who have gone eyond the newspaper headlines in the Rosenberg case are shocked by the unprecedented savagery of the

sentence of death.

During World War II four men stole vital aircraft secrets and passed them on to Hitler Germany, our country's mortal enemy. Caught and tried in the case of U. S. vs. Molzahn, they were found guilty and given five to fifteen years each.

The notorious American traitors who openly served our enemies during war, "Axis Sally" and "Tokyo ing war, Rose", both found guilty of treason, both got ten year sentences.

Dr. Klaus Fuchs confessed Abomb spy, was found quilty and sentenced to fourteen years.

It is these facts which make the Rosenberg case, irrespective of their guilt or innocence, seem so horrible.

AN APPEAL

We have not been able to even suggest in these pages the many reasons why thousands of Americans have begun to question the guilt of the defendants in the Rosenberg case and support their efforts to win a new hearing. The least anyone of moral conscience can do is to seek or tall the facts in the case. We ask yea, therefore, if you do nothing else about the plight of the young couple, at least write to National Committee to Secure Justice in the Nosenberg Case, 1050 6th Avanue, New York 18, N. Y. to obtain further information.

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- SEND A CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SE-CURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSEN-BERG CASE, 1050 SIXTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.
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 - 8) A series of public meetings will be beld on December 17 in Beston with Professor Stephen Love of Northwestern Law School and Chairman of Character and Fitness Committee of the Illinois Supremo Court, as chief speakers
 - A regional conference will be held in Porposter part Bunday to aproad our work to other Hassachusetts scommitties. Steps are being taken to form a special students committee to grystallise the centiment for saving the Rosenbergs, which is growing example students.
 - 5) In Dorehester last Nednesday evening, 30 persons delivered, houses to-house, eight thousand copies of our alemency leaflet. Similar distributions are planned for other communities. Arrange a distribution in your communitys
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